A REVISION OF PANICUM SUBGENUS PHANOPYRUM SECTION STOLONIFERA (POACEAE: PANICEAE)¹

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ABSTRACT

A revision of Panicum subgenus Phanopyrum section Stolonifera is presented. Panicum soderstromii is described as new, and P. andreanum, P. biglandulare, P. crateriferum, P. irregulare, P. chapadense, P. rude, P. piauiense, P. stoloniferum, P. latissimum, P. pulchellum, and the controversial P. venezuelae are included in this section, which can be characterized by the inflorescences with unilateral racemose branches, the upper anthecium short stipitate at its base and glabrous and smooth, and the presence of non-Kranz leaf anatomy. The presence of one or two (rarely three) pairs of crateriform, ocellate glands is a singular feature of this section; these glands may be constantly present, present or absent in some specimens, or completely absent in others. Keys to all 13 species and SEM micrographs of the upper anthecium and glands on the lower lemma are provided. Each species is illustrated.

Section Stolonifera is one of the most attractive and interesting sections of the genus Panicum. The name was given as an informal group by Hitchcock & Chase (1910), who included in it P. stoloniferum Poiret, P. frondescens G. Meyer, P. pulchellum Raddi, and P. biglandulare Scribner & Smith. These species were mainly distinguished in the view of Hitchcock & Chase as summarized in the following diagnosis:

Decumbent or creeping perennials, rooting at the lower nodes, with branching culms; ligule short, membranous; leaf blades lanceolate or ovate-lanceolate; panicles of racemose, secund, spikelike, ascending branches, ± divergent from the axis, with spikelets in pairs along one side of the branches; upper glume

and lower lemma exceeding the anthecium in length.

In 1940, Pilger gave the rank of section to species of the Stolonifera group. Hsu (1965), in his worldwide treatment of Panicum, characterized this section basically as having a papery ligule, panicles with spikelike racemes, upper glume and lower lemma longer than the upper anthecium, the latter smooth, lodicules very thin and weakly three-nerved. Hsu placed this section in his subgenus Sarmentosum, along with, among others, sections Sarmentosa Pilger, Parviglumia (A. Hitchc. & Chase) Pilger, and Parvifolia (A. Hitchc. & Chase) Pilger.

In the present work, Stolonifera is treated, according to the infrageneric classification of

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Zuloaga (1987) within subg. Phanopyrum (Raf.) Pilger, being most closely related to sect. Phanopyrum and Laxa. Section Phanopyrum Raf. was raised to generic rank by Nash (1903), taking into consideration as diagnostic characters spikelet compression, habitat, length of the upper anthecium, and presence of a stipe in the base of the upper anthecium. This idea was accepted in recent years by various authors (Brown, 1977; Gould & Shaw, 1983; Lazarides & Webster, 1984). However, we believe that none of these characters are strong enough to maintain Phanopyrum apart from Panicum. As Hitchcock & Chase (1910) stated: "this species [P]. gymnocarpon] departs somewhat from the usual characters of the genus Panicum, but the divergence does not seem sufficient to justify segregating the single species as the type of a separate genus."

Subgenus Phanopyrum includes non-Kranz species, these being anatomically distinguished by having two bundle sheaths around the vascular bundles, the inner mestome sheath with thick-walled cells surrounded by a parenchymatous sheath with thick-walled and completely empty cells (with these parenchymatous sheath cells bigger than the mesophyll cells). The number of mesophyll cells between the vascular bundles ranges from 5 to 12, with a distance of (150)230-270 (-380) μm. Exomorphologically, the spikelet is characterized by having a lower glume 1-3 (occasionally -5)-nerved and upper glume and lower lemma 5(occasionally -7)-nerved. The species are usually found in shady and humid places, with some exceptions in species of sect. Lorea, Parvifolia, and Stolonifera, some of which grow in open and more or less drier habitats.

Within this subgenus, sect. Stolonifera is defined by the following diagnostic features:

Inflorescence type. All species are characterized by having the spikelets congested on short, unequal pedicels along racemose, unilateral branches (occasionally with short tertiary branchlets in *P. latissimum* Mikan ex Trin., *P. rude* Nees, and *P. venezuelae*

Hackel), with the branches usually alternate, remote, and diverging from the axis. This character is also present in sect. Phanopyrum and sect. Laxa (A. Hitchc. & Chase) Pilger. In the former, the spikelets are usually borne on tertiary branchlets appressed unilaterally along secondary branches. Within sect. Laxa there is a variation from shortpedicelled spikelets in unilateral racemose branches (as for example in P. pilosum Sw. and P. leptachne Doell) to spikelets disposed along either side of short tertiary branchlets (e.g., P. boliviense Hackel, P. bresolinii L. B. Smith & Wassh.). Sections Parvifolia, Monticola Stapf, and Verrucosa (A. Hitchc. & Chase) C. C. Hsu, included in subg. Phanopyrum, are characterized by open and lax panicles with long-pedicelled spikelets; in sect. Lorea Zuloaga some species have open and lax panicles, whereas others have spikelike inflorescences. In sect. Megista Pilger, all the branches of the panicle are whorled, with the spikelets short-pedicelled along the branches. In sect. Parviglumia, there is a gradation from species with spikelets arranged in open and diffuse panicles to others with short-pedicelled spikelets along racemose, not unilateral branches.

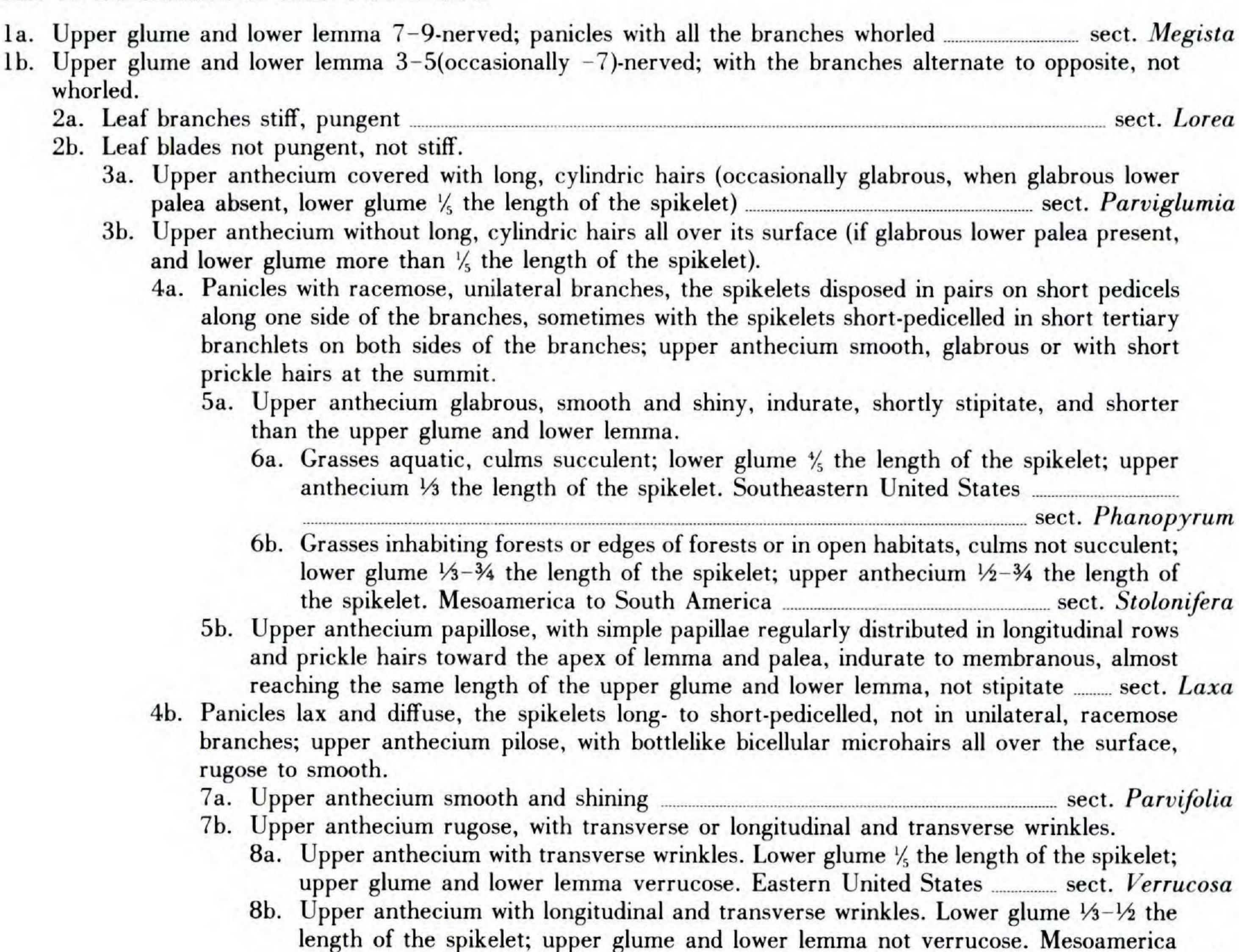
Surface and ornamentation of the upper anthecium. The epidermis of the upper anthecium is completely glabrous, indurate, smooth, and shiny, with scattered stomata toward the upper margins of the palea (Fig. 2c, d). A similar pattern is present within the subgenus in sect. Phanopyrum and sect. Lorea (in the latter it is possible to find occasional prickle hairs, stomata, and bicellular microhairs toward the apex of lemma and palea). On the other hand, sect. Laxa differs by having conspicuous prickle hairs toward the apex as well as simple papillae regularly distributed in longitudinal rows. Membranous anthecia are present in some species of this section.

Stipe presence, type of spikelet, and relative length of the upper anthecium. In all of the species of the section, the spikelets are biconvex with the upper anthecium short-

ly stipitate at the base; additionally, the anthecium is reduced in relation to the length of the upper glume and lower lemma (usually ½-¾ the length of the upper glume and lower lemma).

Sections of subg. *Phanopyrum* can be separated by the following key:

KEY TO THE SECTIONS OF SUBG. PHANOPYRUM



A singular and isolated, although not constant, feature of species of sect. Stolonifera is the presence of one or two (rarely three) pairs of crateriform and ocellate glands on either side of the midnerve on the outer surface of the upper lemma. These glands are always present in P. pulchellum, P. biglandulare (Fig. 1a, b), P. soderstromii Zuloaga & Sendulsky (Fig. 1c-f), and P. crateriferum Sohns, while in P. rude, P. piauiense Swallen, P. chapadense Swallen, and P. venezuelae they are sporadic; they are completely absent in P. stoloniferum, P. andreanum Mez, P. brachystachyum Trin., P. latissimum, and P. irregulare Swallen. Occasionally, one pair

of glands is present on the upper glume of spikelets of *P. venezuelae*; in this species the glands differ from those of the other species by being slightly depressed rather than crateriform (Fig. 2a, b). *Panicum venezuelae* has cleistogamous flowers in most of its spikelets, this character showing up elsewhere in *Panicum* only in subg. *Dichanthelium*. *Panicum irregulare* is the only species within the genus with the lower flower hermaphrodite.

to Argentina sect. Monticola

The pubescence of the spikelet may vary from pilose to hispid (as in *P. chapadense*, *P. andreanum*), papillose-pilose (in *P. brachystachyum*), or entirely glabrous (in *P. irregulare* and *P. stoloniferum*).

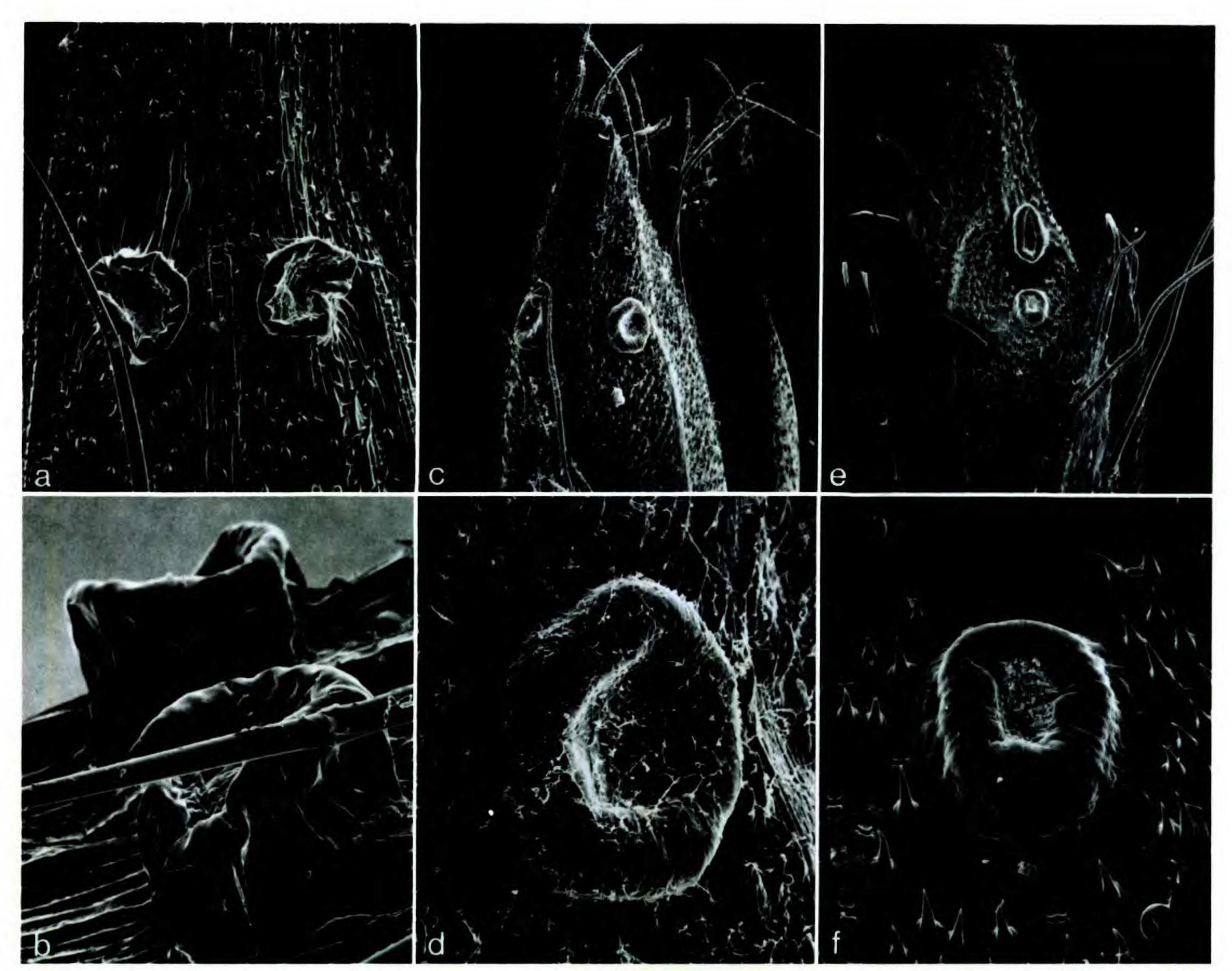


FIGURE 1. Scanning electron micrographs of spikelets of Panicum species. a, b. P. biglandulare.—a. Lower lemma.—b. Detail of glands on lower lemma. c-f. P. soderstromii.—c. Spikelet, ventral view.—d. Detail of gland on lower lemma.—e. Spikelet with two pairs of glands, lateral view.—f. Detail of gland on lower lemma. a, b based on Matuda 316 (US); c-f based on Pereira 2138 (US). Magnifications: a, ×75; b, ×175; c, ×35; d, $\times 200$; e, $\times 35$; f, $\times 200$.

not delimit it or indicate its links with other species of Panicum. The species accepted as valid from the Latissima group (P. rude, P. latissimum, and P. piauiense, together with P. chapadense and P. soderstromii) are treated in the present work in sect. Stolonifera, since we regard the habit and size of the plants as insufficiently strong characters to keep them in a different section. It should be pointed out that further anatomical studies would be useful to establish the relationship between species of the Latissima group and the rest of species of sect. Stolonifera.

Species of sect. Stolonifera occur from Mexico to Argentina. Some are widely dis-

Swallen (1966) included eight species in tributed while others are found only in rethe group Latissima of Panicum, but he did stricted areas. To the former group belong P. stoloniferum and P. pulchellum, the first ranging from Mexico, the Lesser Antilles, and South America to Argentina; P. pulchellum ranges from Mexico to Brazil and Bolivia. Two species are confined to Mesoamerica; P. biglandulare in Mexico and Guatemala and P. crateriferum in Mexico. Panicum irregulare grows from Costa Rica to Colombia and P. andreanum in Colombia and Venezuela, while P. venezuelae is found from Mexico to Brazil. The other species are all endemic to Brazil: P. brachystachyum from Minas Gerais, P. rude from Espírito Santo to Rio Grande do Sul, P. latissimum from Espírito Santo and Rio de Janeiro, P. chapadense from Goiás,

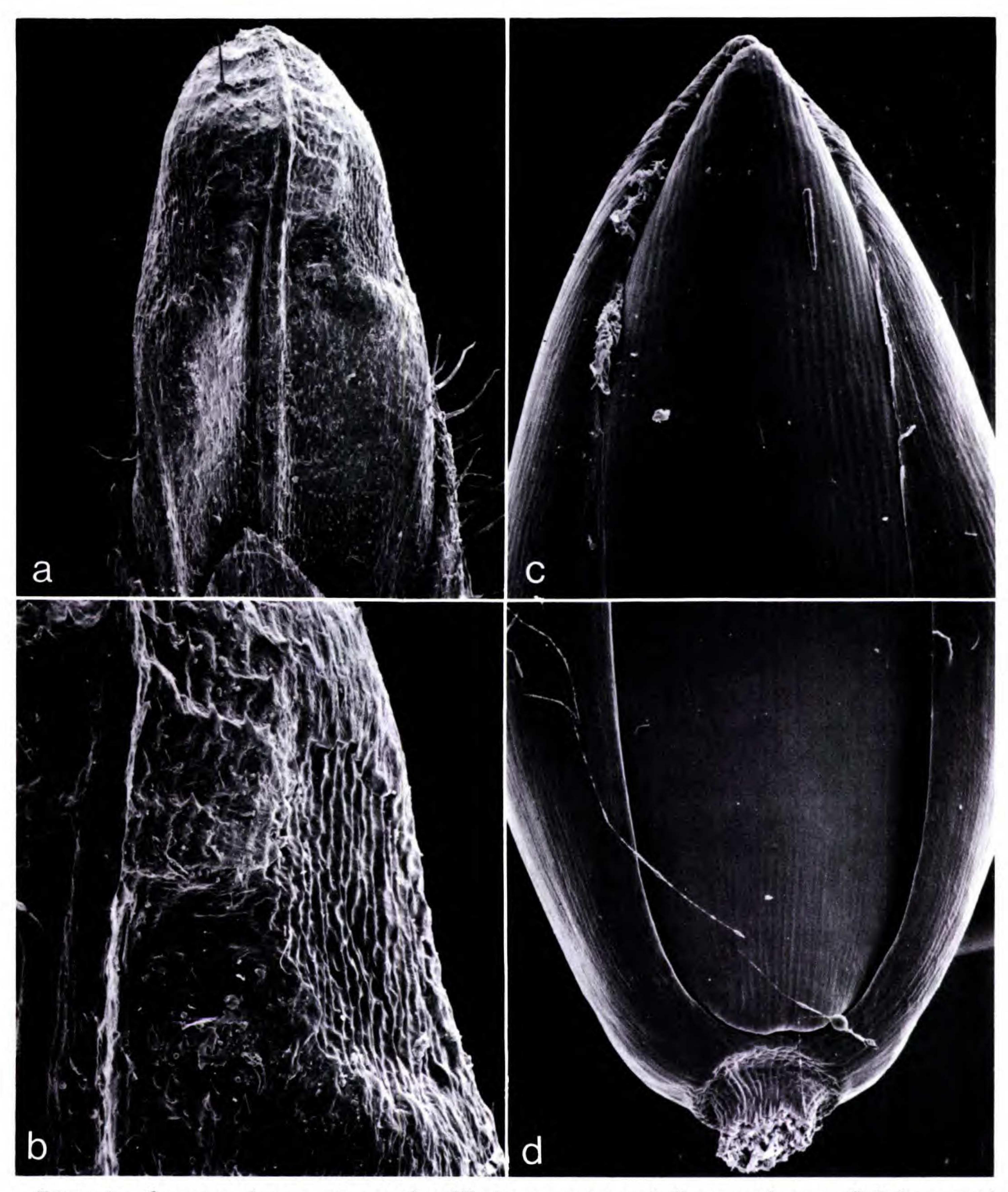


Figure 2. Scanning electron micrographs of Panicum species. a, b. P. venezuelae.—a. Spikelet, ventral side.—b. Detail of gland on lower lemma. c, d. P. pulchellum.—c. Apex of the upper anthecium, ventral side.—d. Base of the upper anthecium showing stipe. a, b based on Pinto 307 (US); c, d based on Hitchcock 20536 (US). Magnifications: $a, \times 35$; $b, \times 100$; $c, \times 100$; $d, \times 100$.

P. piauiense from Piauí and Bahia, and P. soderstromii from Bahia.

Classical taxonomic methods have been applied utilizing a Wild M5 dissecting microscope. Observations at higher magnification

were made using the scanning electron microscope. Anthecia were removed from dried herbarium specimens, secured on stubs, carbon coated in a vacuum evaporator, coated with a gold-palladium alloy, and examined in

a Cambridge S4-10 or Cambridge Stereoscan 250 Mk2 scanning electron microscope operating at 10-20 kV.

TAXONOMIC TREATMENT

Panicum section Stolonifera A. Hitchc. & Chase ex Pilger, in Engler, Nat. Pflanzenfam. ed. 2, 14e: 16. 1940. TYPE: P. stoloniferum Poiret.

Group Stolonifera A. Hitchc. & Chase, Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 15: 120. 1910 (nom. inval.); Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 17: 461, 500. 1915.

Perennial, plants small to robust, stoloniferous or decumbent, rooting and branching at the lower nodes to erect, leaning in the vegetation or not leaning; culms hollow, rarely solid, simple or branching. Ligule membranous-ciliate to membranous. Leaf blades ovate-lanceolate to long-lanceolate, flat, densely pilose to glabrous, shortly pseudopetiolate. Panicles pyramidal, sometimes oblong, composed of few to numerous, unilateral, racemose branches arranged along either side of the axis and bearing secund, paired, short-pedicellate spikelets. Spikelets ellipsoid

to lanceolate, pilose to glabrous. Lower glume 3(rarely -5)-nerved, 1/4-3/4 the length of the spikelet, pilose toward the apex or glabrous. Upper glume and lower lemma subequal (or upper glume shorter than the lemma), acute to acuminate, 5(occasionally -7)-nerved; lower lemma with or without 1 or 2 (occasionally 3) pairs of crateriform, ocellate glands on the middle portion. Lower palea hyaline, glabrous; male flower present or absent (hermaphrodite flower present in P. irregulare). Upper anthecium ellipsoid to lanceolate, glabrous, smooth and shiny, indurate, shortly stipitate at the base; upper lemma with the margins inrolled over the palea. Lodicules 3-nerved. Caryopsis with punctiform or ovate hilum, the embryo less than half the length of the caryopsis.

An American section, including 13 species distributed from Mexico to Argentina, commonly found in forests or at the margins of forests, occasionally on "campos rupestres" (P. brachystachyum) and on "cerrados" (P. chapadense, P. soderstromii, P. piauiense). Collections come from 0-2,800 m elevation.

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| | | 3b. | Lea | f blades not amplexicaul, 0.3-5 cm wide. | |
| | | | | Spikelets mostly with cleistogamous flowers; anthers of these flowers 0.2-0.3 mm lemma gibbous with the upper margins inrolled; upper glume with or without gla | |
| | | | | | . P. venezuelae |
| | | | 4b. | Spikelets with chasmogamous flowers only; anthers 1-2 mm long; lower lemma the upper margins not inrolled; upper glume always without glands. | not gibbous, |
| | | | | | P. stoloniferum |
| | | | | 5b. Spikelets pilose; lower lemma with or without glands. | |
| | | | | 6a. Lower glume ½-¾ the length of the spikelet; culms robust and erect; lanceolate, 10-45 cm long; Brazil, from Bahia to Rio Grande do Sul. | leaf blades |
| | | | | 7a. Lower glume with long, papillose-pilose hairs toward the apex; p | edicels and |
| | | | | branches with long hairs exceeding the length of the spikelet 11. | P. soderstromii |
| | | | | 7b. Lower glume shortly pilose to nearly glabrous, without long, paper | |
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| | | | | 8a. Plants with long, creeping rootstocks, each erect culm with internodes orange and cormlike4. | the lowest |
| | | | | 8b. Plants short-rhizomatous, without the lowest internodes orange | |

9a. Plants with thickened, fusiform roots; culms branched; panicles 7-22

- 9b. Plants with thin roots; culms simple or rarely branched; panicles 20–60 cm long; Brazil, Espírito Santo to Rio Grande do Sul 10. P. rude
- 6b. Lower glume ½-½ the length of the spikelet; culms extensively creeping and rooting at the lower nodes; leaf blades ovate-lanceolate to lanceolate, 2.5-10 cm long; Mesoamerica to Colombia and Venezuela (P. pulchellum in Brazil, species with leaves 2.5-5.5 cm long, spikelets 1.8-2.3 mm long).
 - 10a. Lower lemma without glands; spikelets length: width ratio 5-6:1. Leaf blades lanceolate _______ 1. P. andreanum
 - 10b. Lower lemma with glands; spikelets length: width ratio 3-4:1. Leaf blades ovate-lanceolate to lanceolate.
 - 11a. Spikelets (3-)3.2-3.7(-4) mm long; nodes glabrous 2. P. biglandulare 11b. Spikelets 1.8-3.1 mm long; nodes densely pubescent.
 - 11b. Spikelets 1.6-5.1 mm long; nodes densely pubescent.

1. Panicum andreanum Mez, Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 56, Beibl. 125: 5. 1921. TYPE: Venezuela. Trujillo: Escuque, Moritz 1538 (lectotype, B, fragments at US (80458, 1108611)). Figure 3.

Slender, creeping perennials with the culms decumbent and rooting at the lower nodes, then becoming erect and climbing up to 2.5 m into the shrubs, freely and densely branching at the lower and upper nodes; internodes cylindric, hollow, glabrous to sparsely pilose, 1.5-8 cm long; nodes brown, glabrous to sparsely pilose. Leaf sheaths 2-7 cm long, commonly longer than the internodes at basal nodes or shorter at the upper ones, glabrous, striate and auriculate, the auricles small, densely pilose, one of the margins densely ciliate, the other glabrous. Ligule membranous-ciliate, 0.3-0.5 mm long; external ligule conspicuous, formed by a row of dense whitish hairs. Leaf blades lanceolate, 3-9 cm long, 0.3-0.6(-1.1) cm wide, flat, tapering into a finely attenuate apex, slightly narrowed to subcordate basally, hirsute, with long, thick papillose hairs to glabrous on both surfaces, the margins scabrous and cartilaginous, ciliate or glabrous basally; pseudopetiole glabrous, ca. 2 mm long. Panicles terminal, oblong, 6-16 cm long, 1-3 cm wide, with racemose primary branches alternate and divergent from the axis, the spikelets borne in pairs on short, unequal scabrous or pilose pedicels (the lower subsessile), these arranged along lower sides

of branches; axis longitudinally ridged, smooth, scabrous, the axis of the branches triquetrous, scabrous, the axils of the branches pilose with dark hairs. Spikelets lanceolate, somewhat compressed laterally, 2.5-2.8 mm long, 0.4-0.6 mm wide, acuminate, greenish to stramineous, pilose, with the upper glume and lower lemma subequal (or the upper glume a little shorter than the lemma). Lower glume ovate, acute, 1.1-1.4 mm long, $\frac{1}{3}(-\frac{1}{2})$ the length of the spikelet, 3-nerved, the midnerve scabrous toward the apex, shortly pilose on the inner surface, sparsely pilose on the outer surface, bearing a few long hairs at the base. Upper glume 2.2-2.4 mm long, 5(-7)nerved, the midnerve scabrous toward the apex, with long hairs in the hyaline margins. Lower lemma glumiform, 2.4-2.6 mm long, 5-nerved, hispid toward the margins. Lower palea lanceolate, 1.8-2.1 mm long, 0.3-0.4 mm wide, hyaline, short-pubescent at the apex, otherwise glabrous, the margins scabrous; male flower present. Upper anthecium lanceolate, 1.7-1.8 mm long, 0.4 mm wide, stramineous. Caryopsis ovoid, 1.2 mm long, 0.3 mm wide; hilum oblong. In flower November to May.

Distribution. Venezuela and Colombia. In wet forests on sandy soils at 400–1,800 m elevation.

Additional specimens examined. Colombia. Cundinamarca: near Quetame, Río Negro valley, between Quetame and Piperal, Killip 34220 (COL, US); entre Quetame y Sasumuco, Triana 263 (US); Quetame, Triana

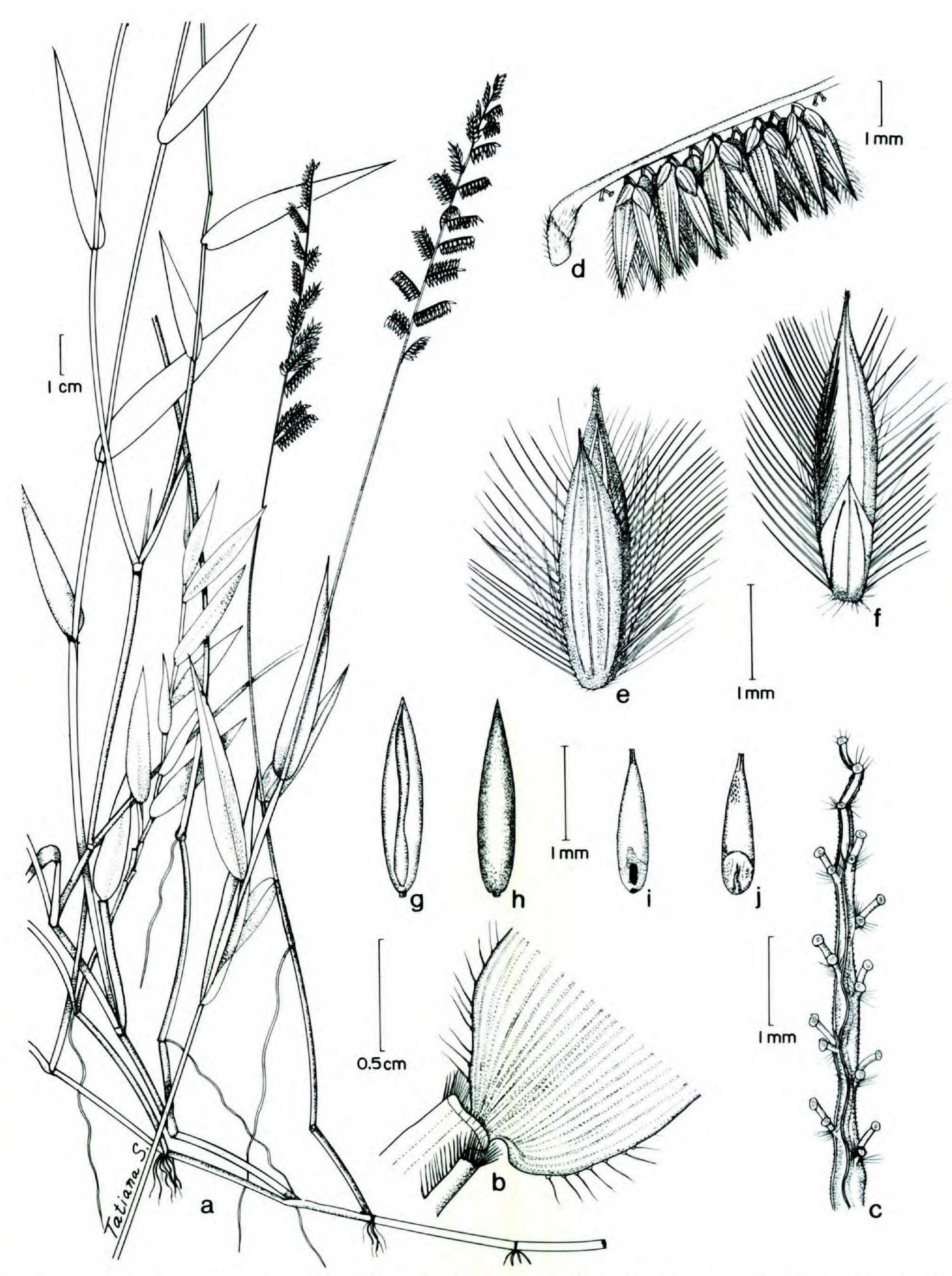


FIGURE 3. Panicum andreanum.—a. Habit.—b. Ligule.—c. Branch of a panicle showing pedicels.—d. Racemose branch.—e. Spikelet, dorsal view.—f. Spikelet, ventral view.—g. Upper anthecium, ventral view.—h. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—i. Caryopsis, hilum side.—j. Caryopsis, embryo side. Based on Muller s.n. (US-1762338).

13 (COL). META: Cordillera de La Macarena, mesa del Río Sansa, Idrobo & Schultes 1291 (US); Las Lagartijas, plateau between Río Papamene and Río Duda, Colombia-Uribe trail, 11 km SW of Uribe, Fosberg 19508 (US); carretera a Villavicencio, entre Puente Quetame y Buena

Vista, García Barriga et al. 18936 (COL); 14 km NW of Villavicencio along the road to Bogotá, Davidse & Llanos 5516 (COL); Villavicencio, André 871 (paratype, B). NORTE DE SANTANDER: región del Sarare, hoya del Río Marguá entre Junín y Córdoba, Cuatrecasas 13373 (COL,

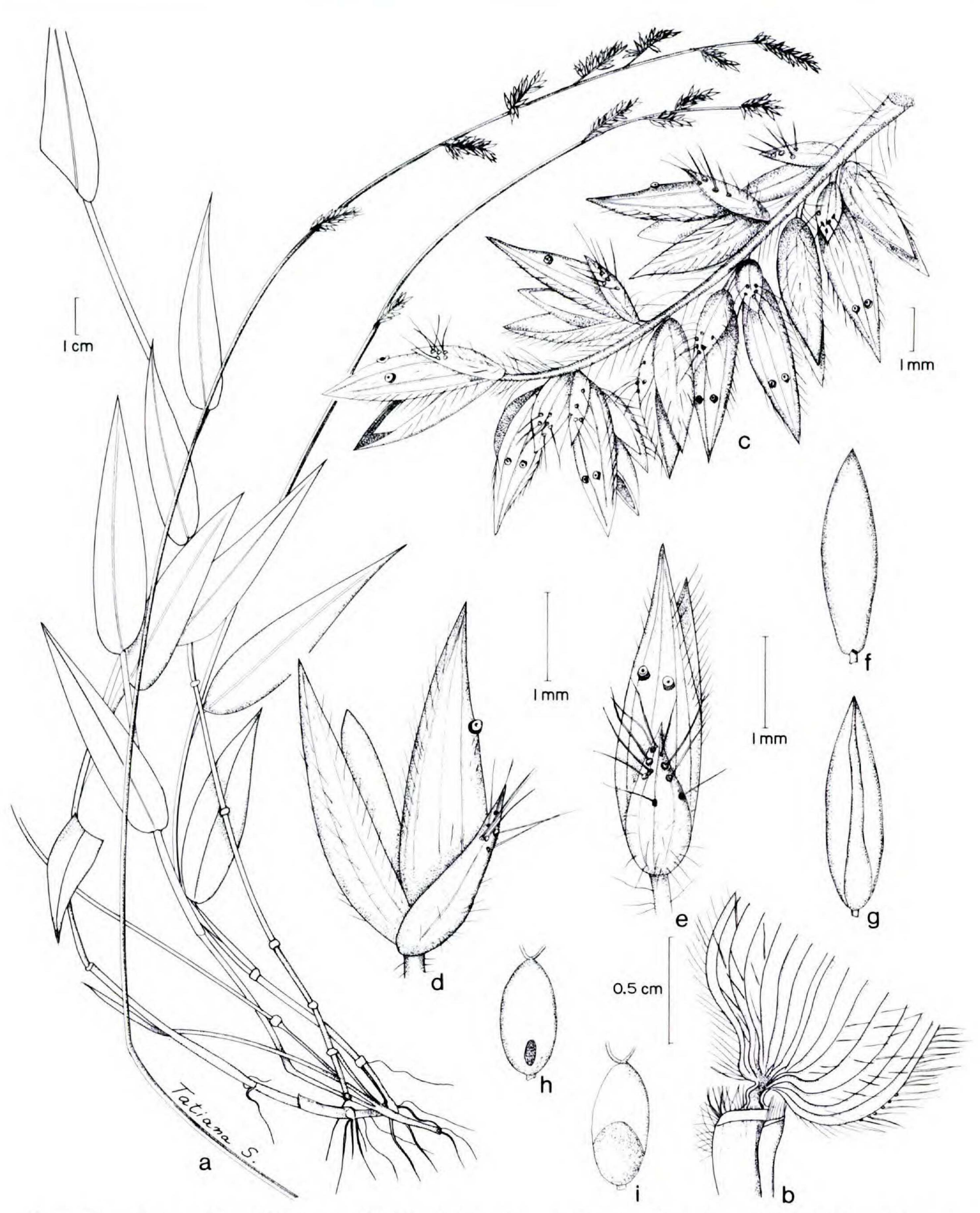


Figure 4. Panicum biglandulare.—a. Habit.—b. Ligule.—c. Racemose branch.—d. Spikelet, lateral view.—e. Spikelet, ventral view.—f. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—g. Upper anthecium, ventral view.—h. Caryopsis, hilum side.—i. Caryopsis, embryo side. a, b based on Matuda 316 (US); c—i based on Matuda 2006 (US).

US). Without department and locality, Karsten s.n. (paratype, US). VENEZUELA. MÉRIDA: between Mucuchachi and Canagua, Steyermark 56345 (US). TÁCHIRA: Cordero, Muller s.n., 14 Nov. 1939 (US-1762338); Cerro Las Minas, 18 km SE of Santa Ana, Steyermark et al. 120043 (US); Cerro La Camirí, just south of the town of Río

Negro, Davidse & González 21555 (US); 2 km E of El Variante, Davidse & González 21523 (US).

When describing this species, Mez cited three syntypes for it, of which the specimen

Moritz 1538 is selected here as lectotype of P. andreanum, taking into consideration its protologue.

2. Panicum biglandulare Scribner & Smith, U.S.D.A. Bull. (1895–1901) 4: 13, pl. 4. 1897. TYPE: Mexico. Chiapas: near Pinabete, 8 Feb. 1896, at an altitude of 6,500 to 8,000 feet, Nelson 3781 (holotype, US; isotype, GH). Figure 4.

Perennials 40-80(-100) cm tall. Culms decumbent and rooting at the lower nodes or ascending, branching, with many nodes; internodes cylindric, hollow, sparsely pilose to glabrous, with thin, whitish hairs; nodes greenish to purplish, constricted, glabrous. Leaf sheaths 2-4 cm long, usually shorter than the internodes, striate, densely ciliate at the margins, otherwise glabrous. Ligule membranous, shortly ciliate or glabrous at the apex, 0.3-0.5 mm long, external ligule a conspicuous ring of white hairs or absent; collar shortly pilose. Leaf blades ovate-lanceolate to lanceolate, 3-10.5 cm long, 1.1-1.9 cm wide, acuminate, with strigose to papillose hairs on both surfaces to glabrous, asymmetrical and subcordate basally, the margins ciliate to scabrous, the lateral nerves anastomosing; pseudopetiole short, glabrous to short-pilose. Panicles exserted, oblong, 8-18 cm long, 1-4 cm wide, with 5-10 short, sparse, alternate, and racemose branches, these slightly divergent from the axis, the spikelets borne in pairs (the lower one occasionally abortive) on the branches, the axis of the branches triquetrous (rather flat), hirsute, more so toward the base; the axils of the branches densely pilose; pedicels short, hispid. Spikelets lanceolate, acuminate, hispid, (3-)3.2-3.7(-4) mm long, 1-1.1 mm wide, greenish to purplish. Lower glume ovate, acute, 1.3-1.8 mm long, 1/3 the length of the spikelet, hirsute on the outer surface, sparsely and shortly pilose basally, with long, papillosepilose hairs toward the apex, 3-nerved, the midnerve finely scabrous at the upper part. Upper glume shorter than the lower lemma, sometimes leaving the summit of the anthe-

cium exposed, acute, 5(-7)-nerved, glabrous on the inner surface, with stiff, papillose hairs on the outer surface, these becoming more abundant toward the hyaline margins. Lower lemma acute, 5(-7)-nerved, scabrous, with long, papillose hairs toward the hyaline margins; 2 conspicuous crateriform glands present between the midnerve and the 2 immediate lateral nerves. Lower palea lanceolate, acute, 3-3.2 mm long, 0.8 mm wide, membranous, scabrous at the margins, otherwise glabrous; male flower present, anthers ca. 1.3 mm long. Upper anthecium lanceolate, acute, 2-2.5 mm long, 0.7-0.8 mm wide, stramineous. Caryopsis ellipsoid, 1.4 mm long, 0.6 mm wide, brown; hilum oblong. In flower November to August.

Distribution. Occurring in Mexico and Guatemala in forests between 1,300 and 2,800 m elevation.

Additional specimens examined. GUATEMALA. ALTA VERAPÁZ: Cobán, von Tuerckheim II 1342 (GH, NY, US), II 1956 (NY, US); hills between Cobán and Tres Cruces, Standley 90263 (F, US). SAN MARCOS; near Aldea Fraternidad, between San Rafael Pié de la Cuesta and Palo Gordo, west-facing slope of the Sierra Madre mountains, Williams et al. 26050 (F, NY, US); barrancas 6 mi. S and W of town of Tajumulco, northwestern slopes of Volcán Tajumulco, Steyermark 36678 (F, US). MEXICO. CHIAPAS: 2 mi. NE of Pueblo Nuevo Solist, Lathrop 5820 (US); Laguna Montebello, Montebello National Park, Breedlove & Dressler 29530 (F, NY); SE of Cerro Baul on the border with the state of Oaxaca, 16 km NW of Rizo de Oro along a logging road to Colonia Gigaroa, Breedlove & Smith 21699 (NY); 5 km SE of Jitotol along road to Bochil, Breedlove 23323 (NY); Montebello, Carlson 2330 (US), 2332 (MO); Montecristo, Matuda 2006 (F, GH, NY, US); Mt. Pasitar, Matuda 316 (RB, US); in the paraje of Kulak'tik, Ton 1713 (F); 25 mi. E of La Trinitaria, Lago of Monte Bello, Breedlove 9680 (US); Clínica Yerba Buena, 2 km NW of Pueblo Nuevo Solistahuacán, Raven & Breedlove 19846 (US); Sierra Madre, Tateoka 1009 (US).

3. Panicum brachystachyum Trin., Gram. Pan. 138. 1826. TYPE: Brazil. Minas Gerais: Serra do Cipó, Jan. 1825, Langsdorff s.n. (holotype, LE, not seen, fragment at US; isotype, P). Figure 5.

Perennials ca. 18-35 cm tall. Culms erect, branching at the base; internodes cylindric, hollow, sparsely pilose; nodes stramineous,

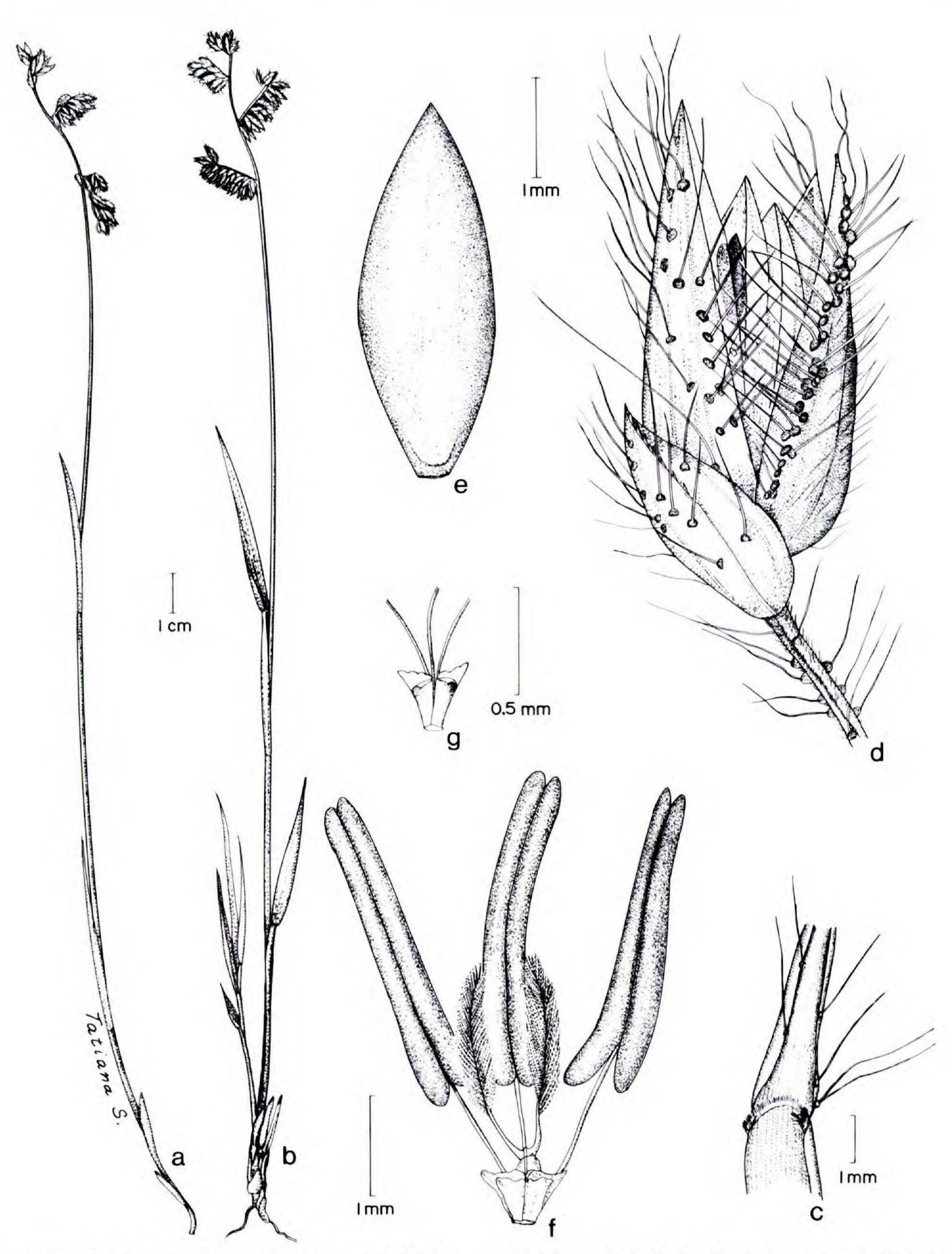


Figure 5. Panicum brachystachyum.—a, b. Habit.—c. Ligule.—d. Spikelet, lateral view.—e. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—f. Flower.—g. Lodicules. a, c-g based on Langsdorff s.n. (US); b based on plate of Trinius (1829).

glabrous to short-pilose. Leaf sheaths stramineous, striate, sparsely pilose, with small auricles, densely pilose, the margins short-ciliate. Ligule membranous-ciliate, arcuate, 0.3–0.4 mm long. Leaf blades lanceolate, 3–4.5 cm long, 0.2–0.3 cm wide, acuminate,

flat or subinvolute, glabrous, subcordate to narrowed basally, the margins scabrous and with sparse, papillose hairs; the midnerve inconspicuous. *Panicles* exserted, formed of 2–4 alternate, densely flowered, distant and spreading racemose branches 1–4 cm long;

peduncle hispid; axis flattened, scabrous and long-hispid, the axils of the branches densely papillose; axis of the branches hispid to scabrous, the pedicels arranged in pairs on one side of the branch, the pedicels triquetrous, hispid and with long papillose-pilose hairs. Spikelets broadly ellipsoid, 4.9-5.2 mm long, ca. 3.5 mm wide, grayish, gaping; glumes and lower lemma with long papillose-pilose hairs, the upper glume and lower lemma subequal, acute to acuminate, exceeding the upper anthecium in length. Lower glume ovate, acuminate, 2.8-3 mm long, \frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{2} the length of the spikelet, covered with thick, papillose hairs, 1-3(-5)-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Upper glume broadly ovate, 5-nerved, with thick papillose hairs near the margins, the rest of the surface with fine whitish hairs. Lower lemma glumiform, 3-5-nerved, with sparse, irregularly scattered, papillose hairs, these more dense toward the apex, the margins hyaline. Lower palea lanceolate, 3.9-4.5 mm long, 1.2 mm wide, membranous, the margins shortly ciliate; male flower present, the anthers dark purple, 3.2 mm long. Upper anthecium lanceolate, 4-4.4 mm long, 1.2 mm wide, membranous, acute to acuminate, whitish to stramineous; lemma slightly carinate, 3-5-nerved; anthers ca. 3.3 mm long, lodicules ca. 0.5 mm long, cuneate, with raised distal margins; ovary ovoid; anthers dark purple. Caryopsis not seen.

This species has been collected only once, in 1825, by Langsdorff "in saxosis montis alti da Lapa," now the Serra do Cipó, Minas Gerais, Brazil. The collection presumably consisted of a single individual, which was divided in three parts. One part is the holotype in LE, from which the plate in Trinius (1829) was probably drawn. The second part is the P isotype. The third part is a fragment of the type (taken from the LE specimen) in US and consists of a single branch without base. The plant from the Trinius plate and the US specimen are illustrated in the present paper to give a more complete view of this rare and probably extinct grass. Many collecting trips have been made to the Serra of Cipó by T. the spikelets secund and arranged in pairs on

Sendulsky and by other botanists, but this species has never been collected again.

- 4. Panicum chapadense Swallen, Contrib. Science 22: 8, fig. 4. 1958. TYPE: Brazil. Goiás: collected on sandstone outcrop, 7 km south of Veadeiros, region of the Chapada dos Veadeiros, 24 Apr. 1956, Dawson 14602 (holotype, R; isotype, US). Figure 6.
- P. pirineosense Swallen, Phytologia 14: 78. 1966. TYPE: Brazil. Goiás: collected between rocks, at Pirineus, 18 Oct. 1956, Macedo 4805 (holotype, US; isotypes, BAA, SP, US).

Rather robust perennials with long, creeping, horizontal rootstocks, the culms erect, 50-140 cm tall, with a cormlike base, 2 or 3 basal internodes orange-colored, 1-4 cm diam., glabrous, shining, lightly covered with aphyllous, velutinous old scales; new innovations appearing between those thickened internodes and covered by small, hard, yellow, pilose scales; upper internodes cylindric, solid, shortly pilose or glabrous, striate; nodes dark, constricted and shortly pilose, the first node swollen, yellow, glabrous, shining. Leaf sheaths stramineous, 5-11 cm long, longer (basal) or shorter than the internodes, densely villous to papillose-pilose all over the surface or pilose toward the apex only; the upper margins ciliate, the lower ones membranous; auricles small, rounded, sometimes densely pilose. Ligule membranous, ciliate, ca. 0.5 mm long, with or without long hairs behind the membrane at the base of the blade; external ligule present or absent. Leaf blades lanceolate, 12-23 cm long, 1.3-2.5 cm wide, with ciliate to scabrous margins, subcordate basally and velutinous to glabrous on both surfaces, the midnerve not prominent; pseudopetiole small. Panicles terminal, lax, oblong to pyramidal, with many flowers, 13-26 cm long, 2-6 cm wide, the primary branches racemose, dense and alternate, appressed or slightly divergent from the axis (the lower branches shortly branching at the very base),



Figure 6. Panicum chapadense.—a. Leafy stems.—b. Culm showing cormlike base.—c. Ligule.—d. Portion of a racemose branch.—e. Spikelet, ventral view, lower lemma with glands.—f. Spikelet, lateral view.—g. Spikelet, dorsal view.—h. Spikelet, ventral view, lower lemma without glands.—i. Upper anthecium, ventral view.—j. Upper anthecium, dorsal view. Based on Burman & Filgueiras 450 (SP).

short, unequal pedicels, on the lower side of the branches; axis longitudinally ridged, nearly glabrous or finely hispid, the axis of the branches triquetrous, hispid to scabrous, the

axils of the branches densely pilose, brownish, sometimes with 1 or 2 long hairs; pedicels hispid and slightly pubescent. *Spikelets* narrowly ellipsoid, 2.5–3(–3.3) mm long, 0.6–

0.8 mm wide, stramineous, with purplish traces, the upper glume and lower lemma subequal and exceeding the upper anthecium in length. Lower glume ovate, acute, 1.6-1.9 mm long, ½-¾ as long as the spikelet, 3(-5)-nerved, shortly pubescent on both surfaces (more so on the upper surface). Upper glume acute, 2.2-2.8 mm long, 5-nerved, the midnerve scabrous, densely hispid on the outer surface, with long, papillose, whitish and fringed hairs toward the margins, the inner surface pilose toward the apex. Lower lemma glumiform, 2.2-2.8 mm long, 5-nerved, with a pubescence similar to that of the upper glume, with or without 2-4 crateriform glands on the middle portion. Lower palea lanceolate, 1.8-2.2 mm long, 0.5-0.7 mm wide, stramineous, shortly pubescent, the margins ciliate; male flower present. Upper anthecium narrowly ovoid, 1.5-1.9 mm long, 0.5-0.7 mm wide, acute, stramineous. Caryopsis not seen. In flower March to October.

Distribution. Endemic to Goiás, Brazil. Occurring in "campos rupestres" and "cerrados" between stones in rocky habitats at 1,000-1,600 m elevation.

Additional specimens examined. BRAZIL. GOIÁS: 5-15 km S of Veadeiros, road to São João d'Aliança, Prance & Silva 58824 (MO, NY, US); 22 km N of Alto do Paraíso, Irwin et al. 32492 (F, NY); 20 km by road N of Alto Paraíso, Anderson 6760 (NY, UB, US); ca. 15 km S of Goiás Velho, Anderson 9976 (UB); ca. 15 km N of Corumbá do Goiás, Anderson 10305 (UB); serra do Pirineus, Burman & Filgueiras 410, 450 (SP); 12 km NW of Veadeiros, road to Cavalcante, Irwin et al. 9419 (US); ca. 15 km S of Veadeiros, Irwin et al. 12782 (MO, NY); Corumbá, Montes Pirineus, Onishi et al. 98 (R). Without locality, Macedo 4380 (US).

A remarkable feature of this species is the presence of cormlike structures at the base of each culm, a character occasionally present in other species of *Panicum*, for example, *P. bulbosum* Kunth and *P. paucifolium* Swallen.

When describing *P. chapadense*, Swallen included it in sect. *Laxa*. This species has no affinity with sect. *Laxa*, being distinct by the type of spikelet, presence of glands on the lower lemma, and smooth and glabrous upper anthecium.

5. Panicum crateriferum Sohns, J. Wash. Acad. Sci. 46: 378, figs. 10–22. 1956. TYPE: Mexico. Guerrero: on steep grassy slopes and narrow ravine with open pine woods and scattered oaks on granitic soil at km 339–340 between Acahuizotla and Agua de Obispo, on highway to Acapulco, ca. 3,000 ft., 1 Oct. 1949, Moore Jr. 5148 (holotype, US; isotype, GH). Figure 7.

Perennials, the culms decumbent, creeping and rooting at the lower nodes, becoming erect, 20-60 cm tall, branching; internodes hollow, 2.5-6 cm long, glabrous to sparsely pilose with whitish long hairs; nodes dark, densely pilose with whitish hairs. Leaf sheaths 0.8-2.5 cm long, shorter than the internodes, glabrous to hispid, more densely so toward the upper portion, the margins long-ciliate toward the apex, otherwise glabrous; collar a nitid, wide rim of dense, whitish, antrorse hairs. Ligule membranous-ciliate, ca. 0.4 mm long. Leaf blades ovate-lanceolate to lanceolate, flat, 4-6 cm long, 0.6-1.3 cm wide, asymmetrical basally, with the adaxial surface sparsely papillose-strigose, the abaxial surface glabrous to sparsely papillose-strigose, the margins ciliate basally, otherwise glabrous; midnerve inconspicuous, the lateral nerves anastomosing; pseudopetiole small, pilose. Panicles lax, 5-10 cm long, 1.5-6 cm wide, with 4-6 racemose and alternate branches, distant and divergent from the rachis, the uppermost branch consisting of a long pedicel and a single spikelet only; the spikelets borne in pairs, one subsessile (occasionally abortive), the other shortly pedicellate, arranged along the lower side of the branches; axis longitudinally ridged, glabrous, the axis of the branches triquetrous (one side flattened), scabrous, with or without scarce, long, papillose hairs, the axils of the branches densely pilose with stiff and papillose hairs; pedicels short, scabrous. Spikelets narrowly ovoid to lanceolate, 2.5-3.1 mm long, 0.8-1.1 mm wide, sparsely to densely papillose-pilose or hirsute, the glumes and lower lemma subequal or the upper glume a little shorter than the lemma,

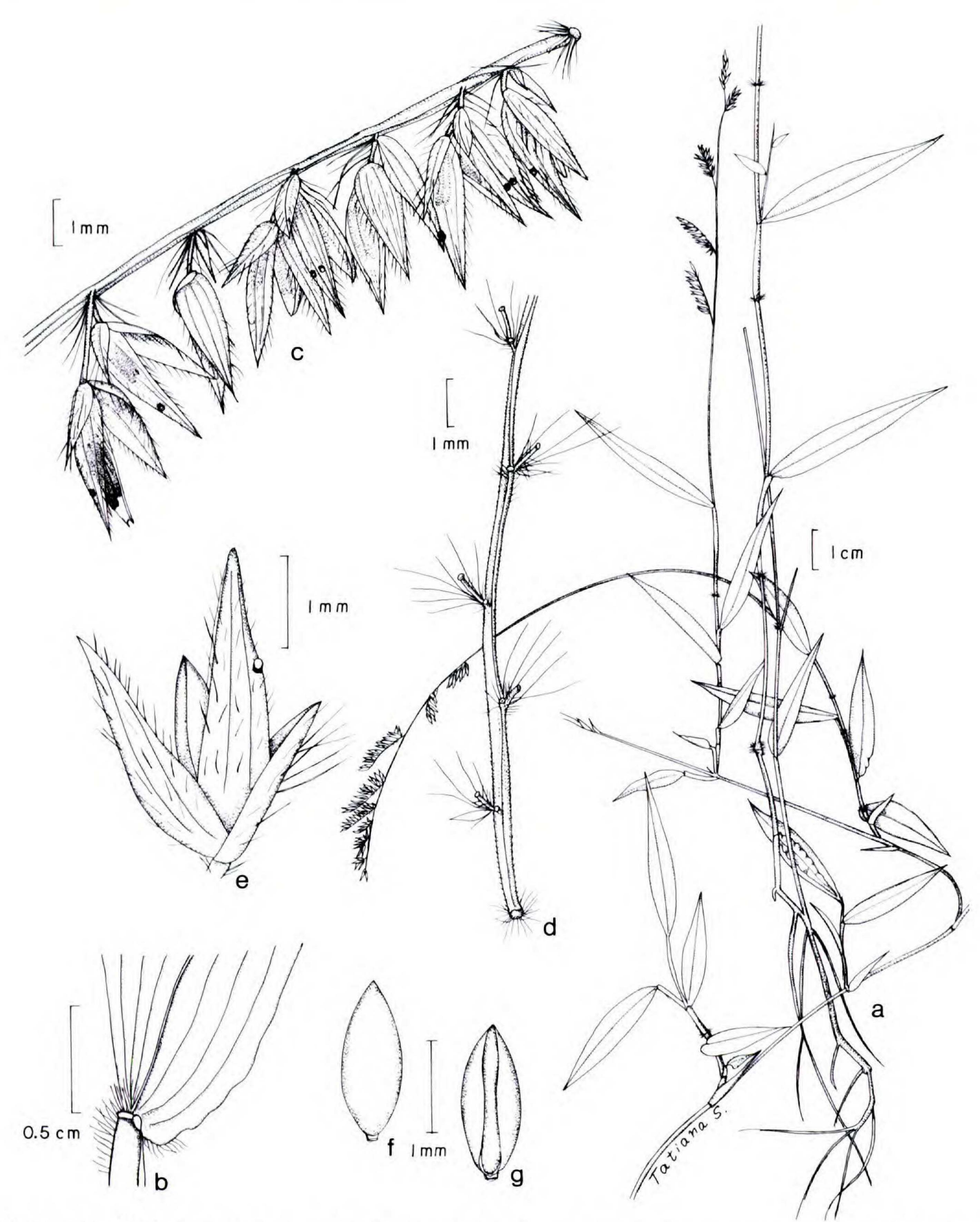


Figure 7. Panicum crateriferum.—a. Habit.—b. Ligule.—c. Portion of a racemose branch.—d. Portion of a branch showing pedicels.—e. Spikelet, lateral view.—f. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—g. Upper anthecium, ventral view. Based on Hinton et al. 10801 (US).

acute, the margins hyaline. Lower glume ovate-lanceolate, 1.3-2 mm long, $\frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the spikelet, acuminate, with long papillose-pilose hairs toward the apex and margins, the rest of the surface shortly pilose, 3(-5)-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Upper

glume 2.1–2.8 mm long, 5(–7)-nerved, papillose-hirsute toward the apex. Lower lemma 2.4–3 mm long, glumiform, 5(–7)-nerved, sparsely pilose, long-pilose or glabrous toward the margins, with 2 crateriform glands toward the upper part. Lower palea lanceolate, 2.2–

2.6 mm long, 0.5–0.6 mm wide, hyaline, ciliate at the margins, scabrous at the apex; male flower present. *Upper anthecium* ellipsoid, 1.5–2 mm long, 0.5–0.6 mm wide, stramineous. *Caryopsis* not seen. In flower October to November.

Distribution. Endemic to Guerrero and Oaxaca, Mexico; up to 1,000 m elevation.

Additional specimens examined. MEXICO. GUERRERO: Carrizo-Santo Domingo, Hinton et al. 14725 (paratype, US); Plan del Carrizo, Hinton et al. 14646 (paratype, US); Montes de Oca, Hinton et al. 10801 (paratype, US). OAXACA: region of Chinantla, Santa María de Lovaoi, San Juan de Petlapa, Vera Santos 3437 (US); La Soledad, Ernst 2593 (US).

A few three-flowered spikelets were found on the collection *Hinton et al. 10801*; here the spikelets had two lower flowers, one neuter and the other with stamens, and one hermaphrodite flower in the upper anthecium. These spikelets have two lemmas, both with crateriform glands, one neuter (the lower without a palea) and the other, in an intermediate position, with its corresponding palea and male flower.

This characteristic three-flowered spikelet has been found previously and consistently in *P. quadriglume* (Doell) A. Hitchc.

6. Panicum irregulare Swallen, J. Wash. Acad. Sci. 30: 216. 1940. TYPE: Costa Rica. San José: vicinity of El General, 760 m, Feb. 1939, Skutch 4115 (holotype, US; isotypes, GH, MO, NY). Figure 8.

Probably perennials. Culms decumbent, rooting and branching at the lower nodes, becoming erect, 60–80 cm tall; internodes cylindric, 4.3–11 cm long, glabrous, hollow; nodes glabrous. Leaf sheaths 3.2–4.8 cm long, shorter than the internodes, auriculate, the auricles pilose, the margins glabrous, membranous. Ligule membranous-ciliate, 0.3–0.5 mm long, with long hairs toward the base of the blade; adaxial surface of the collar shortly and densely pilose. Leaf blades ovatelanceolate, 7–13 cm long, 1.5–3.3 cm wide, narrowed and somewhat asymmetrical basal-

ly, finely scabrid and with strigose hairs to nearly glabrous on the adaxial surface, the abaxial surface finely scabrid to nearly glabrous, the midnerve conspicuous, the lateral nerves anastomosing; pseudopetiole pilose, stramineous, ca. 1 mm long. Panicles terminal, oblong, exserted, 14-28 cm long, 3-7 cm wide, with 15-30 racemose branches ± divergent from the axis, alternate, and distant, usually drooping, the spikelets borne in pairs, one subsessile (occasionally abortive), the other shortly pedicellate arranged along one side of the branch; axis cylindric, finely scabrid, the axis of the branches somewhat flattened, scabrous, sparsely hirsute, the axils of the branches pilose; pedicels triquetrous, scabrous, pilose toward the base. Spikelets long-ellipsoid, biconvex, 1.8-2.3 mm long, 0.7-1 mm wide, greenish, scabrous to short pilose, the upper glume and lower lemma subequal (or the upper glume occasionally shorter), both with long hairs toward the margins to glabrous. Lower glume ovate, acute, 0.7-1.1 mm long, $\frac{1}{4}-\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the spikelet, 3-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Upper glume 5-nerved, acute, pilose to finely scabrid toward the apex. Lower lemma glumiform, 5-nerved, acute, scabrous toward the apex. Lower palea elliptic, 1.4-1.5 mm long, 0.5 mm wide, hyaline, membranous, scabrous on the wings. Lower flower hermaphrodite; anthers ca. 1 mm long; stigmas 2, plumose. Caryopsis of the lower anthecium a little smaller than that present in the upper anthecium, 0.8-0.9 mm long, 0.4-0.5 mm wide, free from its lemma and palea. Upper anthecium ovoid, 1.3-1.5 mm long, 0.5-0.6mm wide, stramineous, brown at maturity. Caryopsis ovoid, 0.8-1.2 mm long, 0.4-0.6 mm wide, the hilum punctiform to oblong. In flower November to April.

Distribution. Costa Rica to Colombia and Venezuela at 650-2,000 m elevation.

Additional specimens examined. Costa Rica. Alajuela: Río Grande, cerca de San Ramón, Brenes 19683 (NY). San José: Basin of El General, Skutch 4816 (GH, NY). Colombia. Without locality: Smith 2571 (GH). Venezuela. Aragua: slopes of mountainside near stream, between Choroní and Maracay, Soderstrom 978 (US);



Figure 8. Panicum irregulare.—a. Leafy branch.—b. Ligule.—c. Racemose branch.—d. Spikelet, lateral view.—e. Lower anthecium showing hermaphrodite flower.—f. Caryopsis of the lower anthecium, embryo side.—g. Caryopsis of the lower anthecium, hilum side.—h. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—i. Upper anthecium, ventral side.—j. Caryopsis of the upper anthecium, embryo side.—k. Caryopsis of the upper anthecium, hilum side. Based on Soderstrom 978 (US).

Parque Nacional Henry Pittier, NW of Maracay, Rancho Grande, Davidse 3017 (US).

Although having the diagnostic characters of sect. Stolonifera, P. irregulare differs by the presence of an hermaphrodite flower in the lower floret, a character unknown elsewhere in the genus. This lower flower develops a normal caryopsis similar to the one present in the upper floret, only a little smaller. Unlike the upper anthecium, in the lower floret the lemma and palea are membranous, and the caryopsis is completely free from these bracts. Pohl (1980) suggested that this species may be a hybrid between genus Panicum and Pseudechinolaena, but we could find no evidence to support this. As previously stated, the species matches the characters that differentiate sect. Stolonifera from the other sections in subg. Phanopyrum.

7. Panicum latissimum Mikan ex Trin., in Sprengel, Neue Entdeck. Pflanzenk. 2: 87. 1821. TYPE: "Panicum latissimum Mikan detexit in Brasil et comm. an Mikan, sub cujus nom specium descripsi in Spr. gl. n. Entdx" (holotype, LE, not seen, fragment at US (974701)). Figure 9.

P. macrophyllum Raddi, Agrost. Bras. 46. 1823. TYPE: Brazil. Without locality: Raddi s.n. (holotype, PI, not seen, fragment at US (80732)).

Robust perennials up to 2.5 m tall. Culms decumbent and rooting at the lower nodes to erect, branching at the upper nodes; internodes cylindric, hollow, glabrous, up to 1.5 cm diam.; nodes brown, constricted, glabrous. Leaf sheaths 12-14 cm long, striate, stramineous, densely pilose, with long, whitish, caducous hairs or glabrous. Ligule membranous-ciliate, small, 0.2-0.3 cm long, external ligule absent. Leaf blades 30-35 cm long, 6-12 cm wide, flat, acuminate, glabrous, cordate and amplexicaul basally, the margins conspicuously ciliate to glabrous, the midnerve prominent or not prominent, the lateral nerves anastomosing; pseudopetiole brownish, glabrous, 0.6-1.3 cm long. Panicles pyramidal, lax and diffuse, many-flowered, 30-

45 cm long, 10-18 cm wide, with alternate, distant, hirsute to scabrous branches diverging from the axis, sometimes with secondary and tertiary branchlets; spikelets short- to long-pedicelled, along the lower side of the branches; axis longitudinally ridged, minutely scabrous, the branches hirsute to scabrous, triquetrous; axils of the branches short- to long-pilose; pedicels pilose. Spikelets ellipsoid, acute, 2.7-3.1 mm long, 0.9-1.1 mm wide, stramineous to brownish or purplish, the glumes and lower lemma shortly pilose and scabrous, the upper glume and lower lemma subequal, acuminate, both with long hairs toward the margins. Lower glume narrowly ovate, acute, 2.5-2.7 mm long, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the spikelet, acuminate, shortly pilose to scabrous on the outer surface, densely pilose toward the apex of the inner surface, 5-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Upper glume 2.5-2.9 mm long, 5(-7)-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Lower lemma 2.7 mm long, glumiform, 5-nerved. Lower palea elliptic, 1.8-2.3 mm long, 0.6-0.8 mm wide, stramineous, shortly pilose, the margins ciliate; male flower present, the anthers ca. 1.7 mm long. Upper anthecium ellipsoid, acute, 2-2.2 mm long, 0.8 mm wide, stramineous. Caryopsis not seen. In flower October to April.

Distribution. Brazil. In mountains, humid and rocky habitats at 500-1,000 m elevation.

Additional specimens examined. Brazil. Espírito SANTO: Municipio de Alfredo Chaves, Vila São Bento de Urânio, mata higrófila, Zuloaga et al. 2410 (RB, SI, US). RIO DE JANEIRO: between Alto Boa Vista and Silvestre, Chase 8377 (F, MO, NY, US); vicinity of Paineiras, Corcovado, L. Smith 1205 (F, GH, US); Corcovado, Riedel 329 (US); without collector, Oct. 1836 (R); estrada do Sumaré, Pabst et al. 127 (MO); Petrópolis, Goes & Dionisio 451 (RB), Peixoto s.n. (R); Serra dos Orgãos, perto do Veu das Noivas, Carauta 712 (F); Serra dos Orgãos, Vidal II-5580 (R), Pereira 187 (RB); Parque Nacional da Tijuca, Bom Retiro, Soderstrom et al. 1855 (US); Bico do Papagaio, Landrum 2201 (RB), Ule 4158 (R, US); Tijuca, Chase 12159 (US), Oct. 1883, Schwacke & Saldanha s.n. (R); Pico da Tijuca, Chase 8486 (US); Estrada da Guanabara, Mata do Sumaré, Sucre 1748 (RB); Guanabara, Alto da Boa Vista, Sucre 2091 (R); Sumaré, Sucre 4071 (RB); Alto da Pedra da Gavea, Sucre 4297 (RB); Teresópolis, Vidal 18, 374 (R); estrada Teresópolis-Friburgo, Canoas, Braga 1532 (RB); Rio de Janeiro, Riedel 464 (R). Without locality: Burchell 1110, 1381, 2158 (US); Gardner 210 (GH, US); Glaziou 504, 6973 (US), 17928 (P, US); Riedel s.n. (P); Gaudichaud s.n. (P).

Panicum latissimum is clearly distinguished from other species of sect. Stolonifera and from the rest of the genus by having leaves up to 12 cm wide.

8. Panicum piauiense Swallen, Sellowia 18: 110. 1966. Based on *P. blepharo-phorum* Mez, Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 56, Beibl. 125: 4. 1921. Not *Panicum blepharo-phorum* J. S. Presl. TYPE: Brazil. Piauí: without locality, July–Sep. 1839, *Gard-ner 2016* (holotype, BM, not seen, fragment at US; isotypes, GH, NY, P, US). Figure 10.

Ichnanthus gardneri Mez, Feddes Repert Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. Beih. 15: 132. 1918. TYPE: Brazil. Goiás: without locality, 1841, Gardner 3512 (holotype, B, not seen; isotypes, BR, P, fragments at US).

Cespitose, moderately robust, short-rhizomatous perennials, 40-80 cm tall, with conspicuous, fusiform, long root tubers up to 3-5 mm thick, the cataphylls lanate. Culms erect, branching, many-noded, the internodes cylindric, densely to sparsely pilose or glabrous, hollow; nodes brown, constricted, shortly pilose. Leaf sheaths 4-6 cm long, longer than the internodes, stramineous, glabrous or scarcely pilose, one of the margins densely ciliate, with short, whitish hairs, the other glabrous. Ligule membranous-ciliate, 0.5 mm long, sometimes with long hairs toward the back at the base of the blade; external ligule a row of antrorse whitish hairs, the collar stramineous, pilose. Leaf blades lanceolate, 9-13 cm long, 1-1.5 cm wide, acuminate, flat, cordate to subcordate basally, scabrous to densely villous on both surfaces, the adaxial surface shortly pilose at the base, the margins white and cartilaginous, longciliate or glabrous basally, otherwise minutely scabrous; pseudopetiole small, shortly pilose. Panicles lax, oblong, 7-22 cm long, 2-4.5 cm wide, with the branches alternate and diverging from the axis, rarely with short,

appressed secondary branchlets; axis longitudinally ridged, sparsely hispid, scabrous, the branches triquetrous, scabrous and sparsely hispid, bearing spikelets in pairs: one subsessile, the other shortly pedicellate, the lower one distant; axils of the branches long-pilose to villous; pedicels pilose or scabrous. Spikelets narrowly ellipsoid, 2.4-2.8 mm long, 0.8 mm wide, stramineous to purplish, sparsely pilose or with long hairs at the margins of the glumes and lower lemma. Lower glume ovate, acuminate, 1.8-2.5 mm long, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the spikelet, scabrous to sparsely pilose on the outer surface, densely pubescent toward the apex on the inner surface, 3-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Upper glume acute to acuminate, 2.3-2.7 mm long, pilose to scabrous, with long, stiff and whitish hairs toward the margins on the outer surface, the inner surface shortly pilose, 5-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Lower lemma glumiform, acute, 2.3-2.6 mm long, 5-nerved, with pubescence similar to that of the upper glume, with or without 2-4 prominent, ocellate and crateriform glands on the middle portion. Lower palea elliptic, 1.7-2 mm long, 0.6 mm wide, stramineous, shortly pilose, the margins ciliate; male flower absent. Upper anthecium narrowly ovoid, 1.7-2 mm long, 0.6 mm wide, stramineous. Caryopsis ellipsoid, 1.3 mm long; hilum oblong. In flower January to April.

Distribution. Brazil, in cerrados of Bahia and Piauí at 800 m elevation.

Additional specimens examined. BRAZIL. BAHIA: Chapadão do Panair, Serra do Mimo, Black 55-17982 (IAN); Espigão Mestre, ca. 100 km WSW of Barreiras, Anderson et al. 36751 (F, MO, R, US); Serra de Teririco, Gruta do Pequeño, Zehntner 67 (R); Serra do Teririco, Zehntner 3746 (RB, US); Serra do Sincorá, 15-20 km from Andaraí, along the road to Itaeté, Harley et al. 18652 (MO, P).

This species can be mistaken for poorly developed plants of P. rude, but the latter normally reaches greater size (2 or 3 m high). $Panicum\ piauiense$ differs further from P. rude by having food-storing thickened roots and by having culms that branch from the base up to the upper part of the plant. The



Panicum latissimum.—a. Blades and portion of the panicle.—b. Ligule.—c. Portion of the panicle showing racemose branches.—d. Spikelet, ventral view.—e. Spikelet, lateral view.—f. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—g. Upper anthecium, ventral view. Based on Chase 8486 (US).

two species also have different distributions, P. piauiense occurring only in Bahia and Soderstrom (1981) reported tubers in the Piaui, P. rude from Espírito Santo to Rio Grande do Sul. The fusiform root tubers of

P. piauiense are unique within Panicum. nonpanicoid grasses Puelia ciliata Franch., Lophatherum gracile Brongn., Molinia cae-

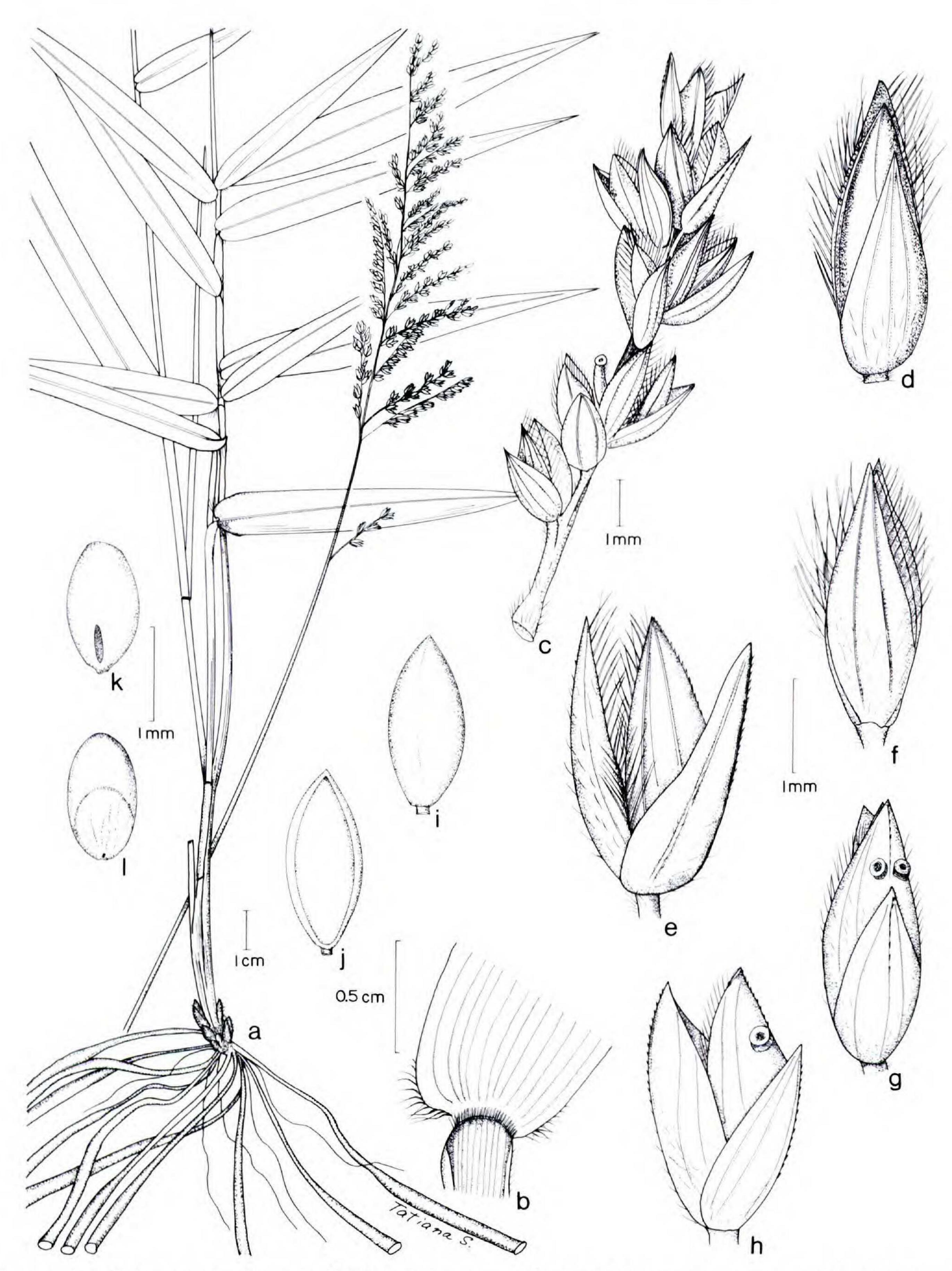


Figure 10. Panicum piauiense.—a. Habit.—b. Ligule.—c. Detail of a racemose branch.—d. Spikelet, ventral view.—e. Spikelet, lateral view.—f. Spikelet, dorsal view.—g. Spikelet, ventral view, lower lemma with glands.—h. Spikelet, lateral view, lower lemma with glands.—i. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—j. Upper anthecium, ventral view.—k. Caryopsis, hilum side.—l. Caryopsis, embryo side. a-f, i-l based on Anderson 36751 (US); g, h based on Zehntner 3746 (US).

rulea (L.) Moench, and Sucrea sampaiana (A. Hitchc.) Soderstrom.

9. Panicum pulchellum Raddi, Agrost. Bras. 42. 1823. Eriochloa pulchella

(Raddi) Kunth, Rev. Gram. 1: 30. 1830. TYPE: Brazil. Rio de Janeiro: in sylvaticis prope Catumby, non procul ad urbe Rio de Janeiro, *Raddi s.n.* (holotype, PI, not seen, fragments at BAA, US). Figure 11.

P. bipustulatum Schldl., Linnaea 26: 135. 1853.

Probably perennial. Culms decumbent, extensively creeping and rooting, geniculate at the lower nodes, then becoming erect, freely branching, 10-65 cm tall; internodes long, compressed, pilose to glabrous; nodes obscure, densely villous with whitish hairs. Leaf sheaths 0.7-2.5 cm long, shorter than the internodes, striate, membranous, densely pilose, with long, whitish hairs to glabrous, the margins ciliate. Ligule membranous-ciliate, ca. 0.4 mm long, the collar densely pilose. Leaf blades ovate-lanceolate, acuminate, 2.5-5.5 cm long, 1-2 cm wide, asymmetrical and cordate basally, strigose to glabrous on both surfaces, the basal margins long-ciliate with thick, caducous hairs, otherwise scabrous to ciliate, the abaxial surface often purplish; midnerve prominent, the lateral nerves anastomosing; pseudopetiole densely pilose, with long, thick hairs. Panicles terminal, 4-18 cm long, 1.5-4 cm wide, short- to longexserted, the peduncle hispid, formed by 5-20 secund, alternate or occasionally opposite and racemose branches, these distant, ascending or reflexed, divergent from the axis; axis longitudinally ridged, hispid, the branches triquetrous, flattened on one side, densely hispid toward the base, hispid to scabrous on the rest of the surface, with spikelets borne in pairs, one subsessile, the other short-pedicellate (the subsessile spikelet frequently abortive), the axils of the branches pilose. Spikelets narrowly ellipsoid, 1.8-2.3 mm long, 0.6-0.7 mm wide, greenish, the glumes and lower lemma hirsute, the hairs papillose, rigid, short; upper glume and lower lemma subequal (or the upper glume shorter), acuminate. Lower glume ovate, acute, 0.8-1.1 mm long, $\frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the spikelet, short-pilose on the middle portion, hirsute toward the margins, separated from the upper glume by an internode, 3-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Upper glume 1.8-2 mm long, 5-nerved, hirsute. Lower lemma 1.7-2.1 mm long, 5-nerved, short-pilose on the middle portion and long-pilose toward the margins, bearing 2 crateriform ocellate glands between the midnerve and the 2 immediate lateral nerves, or the glands occasionally absent. Lower palea 1.4–1.6 mm long, 0.4–0.6 mm wide, lanceolate, hyaline, short-ciliate at the margins, glabrous in the rest of the surface; male flower usually absent. Upper anthecium ellipsoid, acute, 1.2–1.5 mm long, 0.7–0.9 mm wide. Caryopsis ellipsoid, 1–1.2 mm long, 0.5–0.6 mm wide; hilum oblong. In flower all year.

Distribution. This species occurs from Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama to Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Boliva, and Brazil. It grows in humid and shaded places from sea level to 2,000 m elevation.

Chromosome number. n = 10 (Davidse & Pohl, 1974); 2n = 20 (Gould & Soderstrom, 1970; Pohl & Davidse, 1971).

Selected specimens examined. Belize. El Cayo: Chalillo crossing, Lundell 6513 (F, US); Norris Woods, Dwyer et al. 173 (MO). STANN CREEK: Big Creek, Schipp 180 (F, GH, MO, NY, US), 884 (GH, MO, NY). TOLEDO: cerca de Jacinto Hills, Gentle 5095 (F, US); Swasey Branch, Monkey River, Gentle 3962 (F, GH, MO, NY, US); Edwards Road, near Columbia, Gentle 6447 (F). Without district: Gracie Rock, Sibun River, Gentle 1539 (MO); Pine Ridge, near Manatee Lagoon; Peck 279 (GH). BOLIVIA. LA PAZ: Prov. Larecaja, ruta entre Caranavi y Guanay, puente sobre el Río Coroico, Croat 51685 (MO); Guanay, Rusby 217 (NY, US). BRAZIL. MATO GROSSO: Santa Anna da Chapada, Malme 3396 (US). MINAS GERAIS: Viçosa, Chase 9445 (GH, MO, NY, US); Pico do Itabira, Mattos s.n. (R-38680). RIO DE JANEIRO: Angra dos Reis, Castellanos 801 (F); Teresópolis, Serra dos Orgãos, Sampaio 2426A (US); matas do Andarahy e Trapicheira, Kuhlmann s.n., Apr. 1917 (R); Parque Nacional Itatiatia, camino al Lago Azul, Zuloaga et al. 2367 (RB, SI, US). Colombia. Antioquia: 26 km al S de Zaragoza, Denslow 2651 (MO); vicinity of Planta Providencia, 26 km S y 23 km W air of Zaragoza, in valley of Río Anori, Denslow 2728 (COL), Denslow 2651 (COL); Granja de las Mercedes en Venecia, Barkley & Gutierrez 637 (COL, US); Tirana Creek, at the confluence with Río Anorí, Soejarto et al. 3178 (COL, MO). CHOCÓ: San José del Palmar, cerro al S de la población, Forero et al. 3436 (COL, MO). CUNDIN-AMARCA: Sasaima, vereda San Bernardo, La María, Barrios 12573 (COL); Estación Central de Investigación La Esperanza, Obregón 19 (COL); en las cercanías del Boquerón de Santa Inés, Pinto y Bernal 1603 (COL): Susumuco, Triana 789 (COL). MAGDALENA: Santa Marta, H. H. Smith 2127 (GH, MO, NY, US); San Sebastián, north of Pueblo Bello, Angel 733 (US). META: Los Llanos, 12 km SE of Villavicencio, Haught 2531 (COL, F, MO, NY, US); margen derecha del Río Guayabero, caudal de la

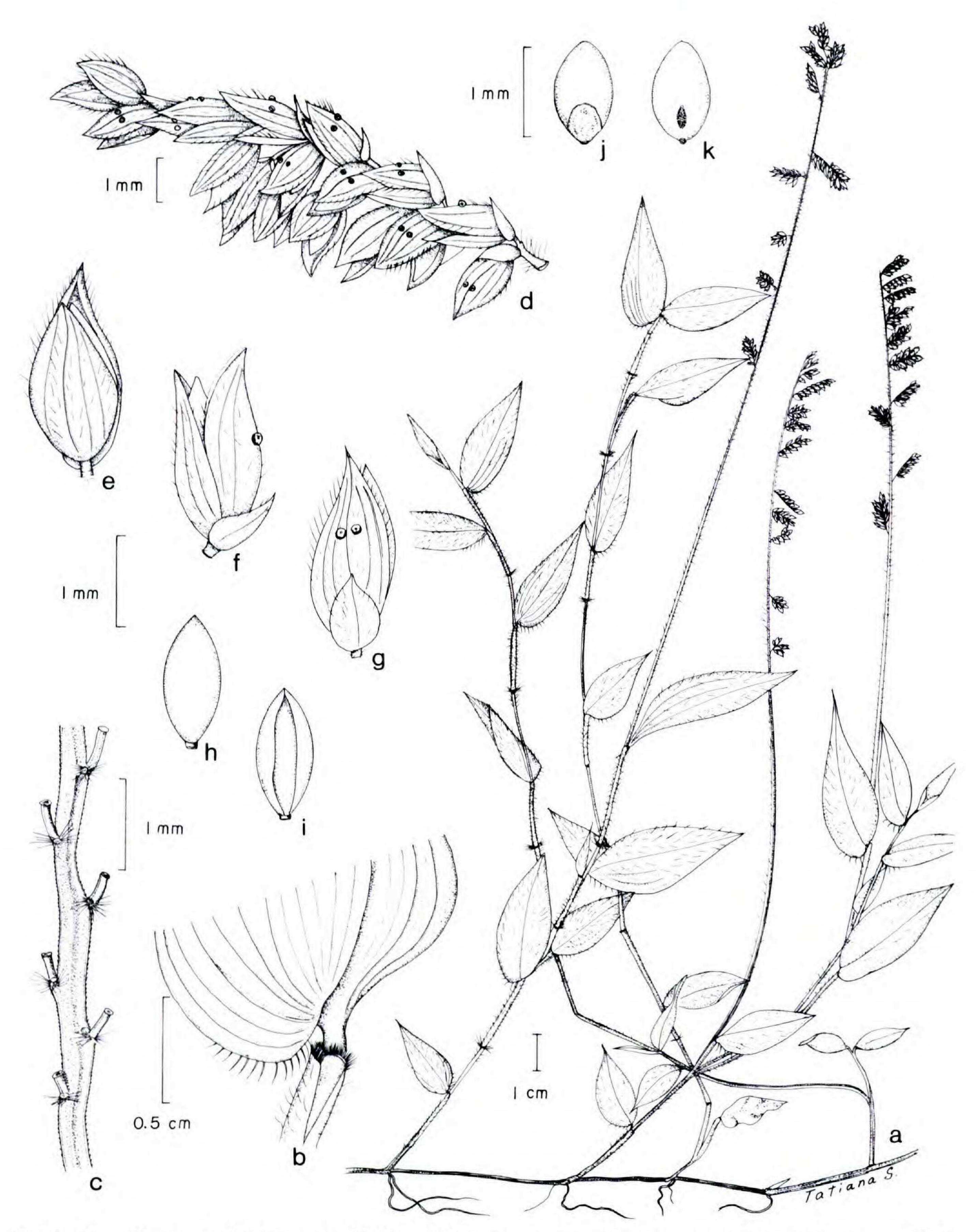


Figure 11. Panicum pulchellum.—a. Habit.—b. Ligule.—c. Portion of a racemose branch showing pedicels.—d. Racemose branch.—e. Spikelet, dorsal view.—f. Spikelet, lateral view.—g. Spikelet, ventral view.—h. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—i. Upper anthecium, ventral view.—j. Caryopsis, embryo side.—k. Caryopsis, hilum side. Based on Chase 12421 (US).

Macarena, Pinto y Bischler 344 (P, COL); Villavicencio, Cuatrecasas y García Barriga 4496 (COL, F, US), Triana 14 (COL); Cordillera la Macarena, mesa del Río Sansa, Idrobo & Schultes 1282 (COL); Reserva Nacional de La Macarena, junction of Río Sansa and Río Guejar, Thomas et al. 1426 (COL); valley of Río Tigre, Fosberg 19043

(US). NARIÑO: Ricaurte, von Sneidern A-539 (GH). SANTANDER: Cordillera Este, Mesa de Los Santos, Killip & Smith 15346 (MO, NY, US). NORTE DE SANTANDER: Región del Sarare, Hoya del Río Margua, bosques en la quebrada del Río Negro, Cuatrecasas 12910 (COL, US). VALLE DEL CAUCA: Costa del Pacífico, Río Cajambre, Cua-

trecasas 17090 (F). Costa Rica. Alajuela: San Ramón, Brenes 21388 (NY); 8 km al NE de Villa Quesada, Molina et al. 17181 (F). CARTAGO: 5 km al N de El Muñeco, Pohl & Davidse 11696 (F); 5 km al NE de Paraíso, Pohl 12793 (MO, NY); cercanías de Pejivalle, Skutch 4616 (F, GH, MO, US). HEREDIA: banks of Río María Aguilar, Godfrey 66533 (US); valle del Río Sarapiqui, E de La Virgen, Pohl 12827 (MO, NY). PUNTARENAS: 1 km al N de la Carretera Interamericana, Pohl & Davidse 11605 (F). SAN JOSÉ: environs de Buenos Aires, Tonduz 4881 (US); vicinity of La Verbena, Standley 32232 (US); vicinity of El General, Skutch 2214 (GH, NY, US), 3874 (GH, MO, NY, US); El General, Skutch 3890 (GH, MO, NY, US); San Antonio de Desamparados, Pohl & Lucas 12992 (MO). ECUADOR. AZUAY: entre el Río Gamolotay y el Río Norcay, Steyermark 52886 (F). CHIMBORAZO: Sibambe, Acosta Solís 5338 (F, US), 5339 (US). GUAYAS: Teresita, 3 km W of Bucay, Hitchcock 20536 (NY, US). IMBABURA: entre El Pajón y Cachaco, Acosta Solís 12709 (US). EL ORO: between La Cholita and Portobello, Hitchcock 21212 (NY, US). NAPO PAS-TAZA: Tena, Asplund 8871 (US). PICHINCHA: Santo Domingo de los Colorados, Asplund 16416 (NY, R, US), Acosta Solís 10883 (F, US). Junction of the provinces of Guayas, Cañar, Chimborazo, & Bolívar: near the village of Bucay, Camp 3819 (GH, NY, US); Bucay, Rose 22446 (NY, US). GUATEMALA. ALTA VERAPÁZ: near Secanquím, Mason 3153 (US); Cubilquitz, von Tuerckheim 7702 (US). IZABAL: Los Amates, Kellerman 7585 (F, NY); N of Quiriguá, Weatherwax 92 (US); near Quiriguá, Standley 23709 (F, GH, MO, US), 24246 (GH, MO, NY, US). PETÉN: Lancandón, Contreras 3340 (GH, US); La Libertad, Aquilar 185 (MO, US), Lundell 2120 (US), 2545 (GH, US); Río Pasión, 4 km NE of Puste, Lundell 18099 (GH). QUEZALTENANGO: between Finca Pirineos and Patzulin, Standley 86608 (F, US); El Palmar, Kellerman 6246 (F, US). RETALHULEU: Río Coyote, Standley 87445 (F). SANTA ROSA: La Joya de Limón, E of Cuilapa, Standley 78309 (US); near El Molino, Standley 78429 (F, US). TEXACAPA: 13 km al E de Lobo, Harmond & Fuentes 1854 (MO). HONDURAS. ATLÁNTIDA: Cutiapa, 26 km E de Las Ceibas, Nelson et al. 3412 (MO); Lancetilla, Pohl & Davidse 12072 (MO). CORTÉS: along Río Lindo, N of lake Yopoa, Morton 7894 (F). EL PARAÍSO: Pueblo de Agua Fría, Molina 7642 (US). MORAZÁN: Río Yeguare, Molina 1374 (MO). OLANCHO: Jutiapa forest camp, near Salamá, Pohl & Gabel 13746 (F); vicinity of Juticalpa, Standley 17863 (F); between Catacamas and La Presa, Standley 18307 (F). YORO: Ciudad de Yoro y alrededores, Nelson 1989 (MO). MEXICO. CHIAPAS: Campo Experimental de Quina, Vera Santos 2731 (US); near the junction of Río Perlas and Río Jataté at San Quintín, near Laguna Miramar, Sohns 1652 (US), Breedlove 33374 (F, NY). OAXACA: vicinity of Cafetal Concordia, Morton 2374 (US); San José Chiltepec, Schultes & Reko 527 (US); Yaveo, Mexía 9134 (GH, MO, NY). TABASCO: Hacienda Mayito, Rovirosa 323 (NY). VERACRUZ: Córdova, Hitchcock 6444 (US); Valle de Córdova, Bourgeau 1455 (GH, US). NICARAGUA. CHONTALES: Santo Tomás, Seymour 2753 (F, GH, NY); Santo Domingo, Seymour 3382 (F, GH, NY). JINOTEGA: N of Jinotega, Williams et al. 27411 (F). MATAGALPA: Cordillera Central de Nicaragua, 5 km N of Matagalpa, Williams et al. 23740 (F, NY, US). ZELAYA: a lo largo del Río Grande, Molina 2260 (F, GH, US); near El Recreo, Standley 19570 (F). PAN-

AMA. CHIRIQUÍ. San Bartolo, 19 km W de Pto. Armuellos, Busay 610 (F, MO). COLÓN: Canal Zone, Mount Hope Cemetery, Standley 28824 (US); Canal Zone, cerca de Culebra, Pittier 2226 (US); near Fort Sherman, Standley 31045 (US); Barro Colorado Island, trail at rear 8, Croat 7436, 13150 (MO); Canal Zone, Quebrada Bonita, Steyermark & Allen 17157 (US); Canal Zone, between France field and Catival, Standley 30176 (US). PANAMÁ: E of the Río Tacumén, Standley 26554 (US); Río Tapia, Hitchcock 22945 (F, R. US); Altos de Campana, Méndez 179 (MO); sabana near Chepo, Hunter & Allen 54 (GH, US); Archipiélago Perlas, San José Island, Erlandson 170 (NY, US), I. Johnston 1136 (GH, US), 1274 (GH). PERU. AYACUCHO: Estrella, between Huanta and Río Apurimac, Killip & Smith 30699 (US). LORETO: Yurimaguas, Anderson 84 (US). CUZCO: Pilcopata, Santa Inés, Vargas 11315 (US); without locality, 5 May 1930, Bues s.n. (F-659976, US). VENEZUELA. AMAZONAS: Isla Carestía, 5 km NNW of Sanariapo, Davidse 2862 (MO, US); edge on Isla Carestía, saltos Carestía y Gallo, 5 km N of Sanariapo, Maguire et al. 36162 (NY, US). ANZOÁTEGUI: Fila El Guácharo, Davidse & González 19422 (MO); cafetales al NW de Buenos Aires, 18 kms aéreos al NE de Bergantín, Davidse & González 19632 (MO). ARAGUA: 12 km S of Alto de Choroní, Davidse 3078 (MO); Cordillera Interior, entre el Paují y el Socorro, Steyermark 118086 (MO). DISTRITO FEDERAL: Cotiza, Chase 12421 (US). LARA: Distrito Jiménez, Parque Nacional Yacambú, Davidse & González 20980 (MO, US); Terepaima, Barquisimeto, R. Smith V186 (US). MÉRIDA: 2 km del Río Guaymaray, Liesner & González 10623 (MO). MIRANDA: Guinand Estate, Pittier 5975 (NY, US); Los Teques, Chase 12303 (NY, US), Archer 3055 (US). PORTUGUESA: between Aparición and Acarigua, Pittier 12086 (US). SUCRE: without locality, Tamayo 2152 (US). TÁCHIRA: Fila de Paramito, al N de Mesa del Tigre, Davidse & González 22482 (MO); cerro Las Minas, Steyermark et al. 119937a (VEN). YARACUY: Cerro La Chapa, 7 km N of Nirguá, Davidse et al. 20809 (MO).

10. Panicum rude Nees, Agrost. Bras. 158. 1829. TYPE: Brazil. Minas Gerais: habitat in marginibus sylvarum Districtus Adamantum prope Milho verde, *Martius s.n.* (holotype, M, not seen, fragments at BAA, US). Figure 12.

P. bambusaefolium Desv., Opusc. 83. 1831. TYPE: Brazil. Without state and locality: Desvaux s.n. (holotype, P; fragments at BAA, US).

P. secundum Trin., Spec. Gram. 3: pl. 324. 1836. P. secundum var. secundum (as 'subaequiglume') Doell, in C. Martius, Fl. Bras. 2(2): 194. 1877. TYPE: Brazil. Without locality: Riedel s.n. (holotype, LE, not seen, fragment at US; isotypes, P, US).

P. secundum var. inaequiglume Doell, in C. Martius, Fl. Bras. 2(2): 194. 1877.

P. semitectum Swallen, Sellowia 18: 112. 20 Dec. 1966. Not Panicum semitectum Swallen, Phytologia 14: 68. 5 Dec. 1966. TYPE: Brazil. Paraná: Jaguariaiba, in woods, overhanging on bank, 25 Feb. 1946, Swallen 8675 (holotype, US).



Figure 12. Panicum rude.—a. Portion of a culm and panicle.—b. Ligule.—c. Detail of a racemose branch.—d. Spikelet, ventral view.—e. Spikelet, lateral view.—f. Spikelet, ventral view, lower lemma with glands.—g. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—h. Upper anthecium, ventral view.—i. Caryopsis, embryo side.—j. Caryopsis, hilum side. f based on Riedel s.n. (US-974743); a-e, g-j based on Sendulsky 1039 (US).

P. pompale Swallen, Sellowia 18: 110. 1966. TYPE: Brazil. Rio de Janeiro: top of sheer face of Corcovado, Rio de Janeiro, 11 Jan. 1925, Chase 8165 I (holotype, US).

P. kleinii Swallen, Sellowia 18: 111. 1966. TYPE: Brazil. Santa Catarina: Pinhal da Companhia, Lauro Mul-

ler-Urussanga, 23 Aug. 1958, Reitz & Klein 7043 I (holotype, US).

P. albospiculatum Swallen, Sellowia 18: 110. 1966. TYPE: Brazil. Santa Catarina: Rio Caçador, 22 Jan. 1946, Swallen 8291 (holotype, US).

P. apricum Swallen, Sellowia 18: 112. 1966. TYPE: Bra-

zil. Santa Catarina: Campo dos Padres, 16 Nov. 1956, Smith, Reitz & Klein 7643 (holotype, US; isotype, NY).

Robust, cespitose, short-rhizomatous perennials. Culms decumbent and rooting at the lower nodes to erect or leaning among branches of trees, 60-200(-300) cm tall, usually simple, the internodes cylindric, glabrous, hollow; nodes obscure, compressed, glabrous. Leaf sheaths 7-20 cm long, longer than the internodes, stramineous, auriculate, striate, papillose-pilose with caducous hairs to densely or sparsely hispid with whitish and appressed hairs, otherwise completely glabrous, the margins pilose to glabrous. Ligules membranous-ciliate, 0.5-2.5 mm long; external ligule conspicuous, similar to the inner ligule but smaller; collar brown, pilose to glabrous. Leaf blades lanceolate to long-lanceolate, acuminate, flat, 15-45 cm long, 1.6-5 cm wide, cordate to subcordate basally, hispid on both surfaces with appressed short hairs to glabrous, the margins scabrous, ciliate or glabrous; pseudopetiole brownish, 0.5-1 cm long and with ciliate margins. Panicles lax, pyramidal to oblong, many-flowered, 20-65 cm long, 5-25 cm wide, with secund branches alternate to subopposite, diverging toward the base of the panicles and contracted toward the apex, the spikelets short-pedicelled and disposed in pairs in the branches; axis longitudinally ridged, scabrous to densely hispid; branches and branchlets longitudinally ridged, scabrous and long- to short-pilose, the axils of the branches brownish, shortly pilose; pedicels scabrous, sometimes with long hairs. Spikelets ellipsoid, 2.3-3 mm long, 0.8-1.1 mm wide, stramineous or nearly purplish, the glumes and lower lemma sparsely to densely pilose, upper glume and lower lemma subequal and longer than the upper anthecium. Lower glume shortly pilose on both surfaces, acute, 1.4-2.5 mm long, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the spikelet, 3(-5)-nerved, the nerves anastomosed apically, the midnerve markedly scabrous. Upper glume 5(-7)-nerved, acute to acuminate, scabrous, pilose toward the margins and the base or with whitish hairs on the entire surface. Lower lemma 5(-7)-nerved,

acute to acuminate, with pubescence similar to that of the upper glume, occasionally with one pair of glands on the middle portion. Lower palea lanceolate to elliptic, 1.8–2.5 mm long, 0.6–0.7 mm wide, hyaline, with long-ciliate margins; male flower present or absent. Upper anthecium ellipsoid, 1.7–2.3 mm long, 0.6–0.8 mm wide, stramineous to brownish at maturity. Caryopsis ovoid, light brown, 1.4–1.7 mm long, 0.8–1 mm wide; hilum oblong. In flower September to April.

Distribution. Brazil. Common in interior or edges of forests at 0-1,900 m elevation.

Common names. Papanduva, capim-papanduva, papua, capim papua, cana-de-macaco (Smith et al., 1982); capim de anta (Pereira 2281).

Additional specimens examined. BRAZIL. DISTRITO FEDERAL: 10 km NW of Planaltinha, Irwin et al. 13196 (MO, US). ESPÍRITO SANTO: Vargem Alta, San José de Fruteira, Pereira 2281 (US). MINAS GERAIS: Serra do Gongo Socco, Hoehne 4898 (US); Serra do Espinhaço, 12 km W of Barão de Cocais, Irwin et al. 29321 (MO, NY); Serra de Ouro Preto, Magalhaes Gomez 2821 (US); Serra do Espinhaço, 35 km E of Belo Horizonte, Irwin et al. 30390 (MO, NY); Serra do Espinhaço, Pico do Itambé, Anderson et al. 35723, 35894 (MO); Ouro Preto, Pires & Black 3375 (US); Araponga, L. Bailey 1094 (US); Itacolumy, Chase 9420 (F, NY, US). PARANÁ: Curitiba, Swallen 8594 (US); Banhado-Piroquara, Swallen 8644 (US); Paredão da Santa, Hatschbach 35468 (MO); Fazenda Monte Alegre, Rio Harmonía, Hatschbach 3027 (SI); Serra Capivari Grande, Hatschbach 22959 (NY, US); Jaguariaiva, Dusén 13233 (NY, US), 15920 (MO); Rio Iguaçú, Salto Grande, Hatschbach 14934 (US); Barigny, Dusén 15765 (F, MSC); Jacarei, Dusén 17012 (F). RIO DE JANEIRO: Corcovado, Chase 8165 II (NY, US); Pão de Açucar, Chase 10043 (US). RIO GRANDE DO SUL: Cambará do Sul, Jan. 1972, Normann et al. s.n. (US-2635110); Cambará, serra da Pedra, Rambo 36751 (US). SANTA CATARINA: 4 km S of Campo Alegre, Smith & Klein 7344 (US); Pinhal da Companhia, Lauro Muller-Urussanga, Reitz & Klein 7043 II (US); Campo dos Padres, Reitz 2638 (US); Azambuja, Reitz 2213 (US); Jordão, Governador Celso Ramos, Klein & Bresolin 9772 (US); Serra da Boa Vista, S. José, Reitz & Klein 10197 (US); Alto Matador, Rio do Sul, Reitz & Klein 7269 (US); Morro do Ribeirão, Klein 6924 (US), Klein & Bresolin 7647 (US); between Fazenda Santo Antonio and the falls of Rio Canoas, Campo dos Padres, Smith & Klein 7871 (NY, US); Itajaí, Morro da Ressacada, Klein 1775 (NY, US); Porto União, Orth 2510 (US); Pilões, Reitz & Klein 2456, 2762 (US), 3630 (NY, US); Brusque, Reitz 3547 (F, SI); Blumenau, mata da Companhia Hering, Bom Retiro, Reitz & Klein 9190 (NY, US), 9220 (NY); base of Morro do Funil, Smith & Klein 15470 (R, US); Sabiá, Klein 2252 (NY, US), 2271 (US); Pinheiral, Smith & Reitz 8750 (US); Morro do Cambirela, Klein & Bresolin 9714 (US); Morro da Bateia, Reitz 1907 (US); Biturina, L. Emygdio 693 (R). SÃO PAULO: São Paulo, Parque do Estado, grounds of the Instituto de Botânica, Davidse 10510 (MO), Hoehne 27202 (F, NY, US), Sendulsky 278, 417, 1039 (SP, US), Skvortzov 157 (SP, US); Igaratá, 1 Mar. 1939, Gehrt s.n. (US); Parque Estadual das Fontes do Ipiranga, da Silva 258 (MO).

The polymorphous nature of *Panicum rude* lies behinds its numerous descriptions under different names. Its pilosity is variable on the vegetative and floral parts, with leaf sheaths, leaf blades, and inflorescences varying from densely pilose with different types of pubescence to glabrous.

The spikelets can be densely pilose on the glumes and lower lemma to glabrescent (only minutely scabrous on the glumes). The lower glume varies from ½ to about ½ the length of the spikelet, even in the same specimen (as for example in *Irwin et al. 29321*).

The crateriform glands on the middle portion of the lower lemma may be present or absent on the same specimen, but they are most often absent. These glands are present in the type specimens of "P. bambusaefolium" and "P. secundum," and they occur in Irwin et al. 13196. In the voluminous recently collected material in the Instituto de Botânica of São Paulo studied by T. Sendulsky, glands were not detected.

The illustration of *P. secundum* in Trinius (1836, pl. 324) draws attention to the peculiar one-sided position of the leaves. *Panicum rude* grows mostly at the borders of forests; when the culms develop in more or less open and uniformly lighted areas, they bear leaves distichously or alternately arranged. On the other hand, when the culms grow at forest margins and lean against dense vegetation, they receive light only from one side, which promotes unilateral arrangement of the leaves due to the twisting of the culm (Fig. 12).

Swallen (1966) treated five species closely related to *P. rude* within the Latissima group. The characters used by Swallen to separate these species were mainly pubescence of the leaf sheaths and blades and the sizes of plants

and spikelets. We conclude that these characters do not justify separation of species.

Swallen cited Chase 8165 as type of "P. pompale" and Reitz & Klein 7043 as type of "P. kleinii." It should be noted that these specimens are divided into two sheets each: Chase 8165 I, Chase 8165 II, Reitz & Klein 7043 I, and Reitz & Klein 7043 II. In both cases, Chase 8165 I and Reitz & Klein 7043 I contain the upper portion of a culm (including the panicle), and Chase 8165 II and Reitz & Klein 7043 II contain the vegetative part of the plant only. Consequently, Chase 8165 I and Reitz & Klein 7043 I should be considered as holotypes of the two names.

11. Panicum soderstromii Zuloaga & Sendulsky, sp. nov. TYPE: Brazil. Bahia: Municipio de Mucujê, 3 km ao S de Mucujê, na estrada para Jussiape, 1,000 m de alt., 13°00′S, 41°24′W, campo rupestre, 26 July 1979, S. A. Mori, R. M. King, T. S. dos Santos & J. L. Hage 12652 (holotype, CEPEC; isotype, MO). Figure 13.

Gramen probabiliter perenne (basis non visa), 45-95 cm altum, culmis erectis, caespitosis, cylindricis, pilosis. Foliorum vaginae internodis superantie, sparse et longe pilosae, basilitex pilis papillosis instructae. Ligula brevissima, membranacea, arcuatae, breviter ciliata. Foliorum laminae anguste lanceolatae, acutae, 2-13 cm longae, utrinque breviter pilosae, basidus angustis, truncatis, marginibus rotundatis. Paniculae terminales, racemosae, pyramidales, effusae, 8-18 cm longae, 2-3(-4.5) cm latae; ramis adscentibus. Spiculae late ellipticae, plerumque hiantae, 2-2.8 mm longae, 1-1.5 mm latae, stramineae vel violaceae; gluma inferior ovata, 1/2-3/4 longitudinis spiculae aequans, 3-nervis, pilis longis, albis, ad apicem, crassis; gluma superior acuta, spiculae subaequans, 3-5-nervis, marginibus subtiliter ciliatis. Anthoecium inferum: lemma ovatum, spiculam aequans, 5-nerve, marginibus subtiliter ciliatis, 2-4 glandulis crateriformibus, ocellatis, infra apicem sitis; palea acuta, ad apicem pilosa. Anthoecium superum ellipsoideum, stramineum, atrofuscum ad fructus maturitatem. Caryopsis ellipsoidea, 1.5 mm long, 1 mm lata, succinea; hilum ovatum sub-basale; embryo longitudine ca. 1/3 caryopsis aequans.

Cespitose, rather robust probable perennial, 45-70(-95) cm tall (base not seen), the lower nodes covered with small, pubescent sheaths. *Culms* erect, branching at the median and upper nodes; internodes cylindric, hard, solid or hollow, pilose, striate, the nodes

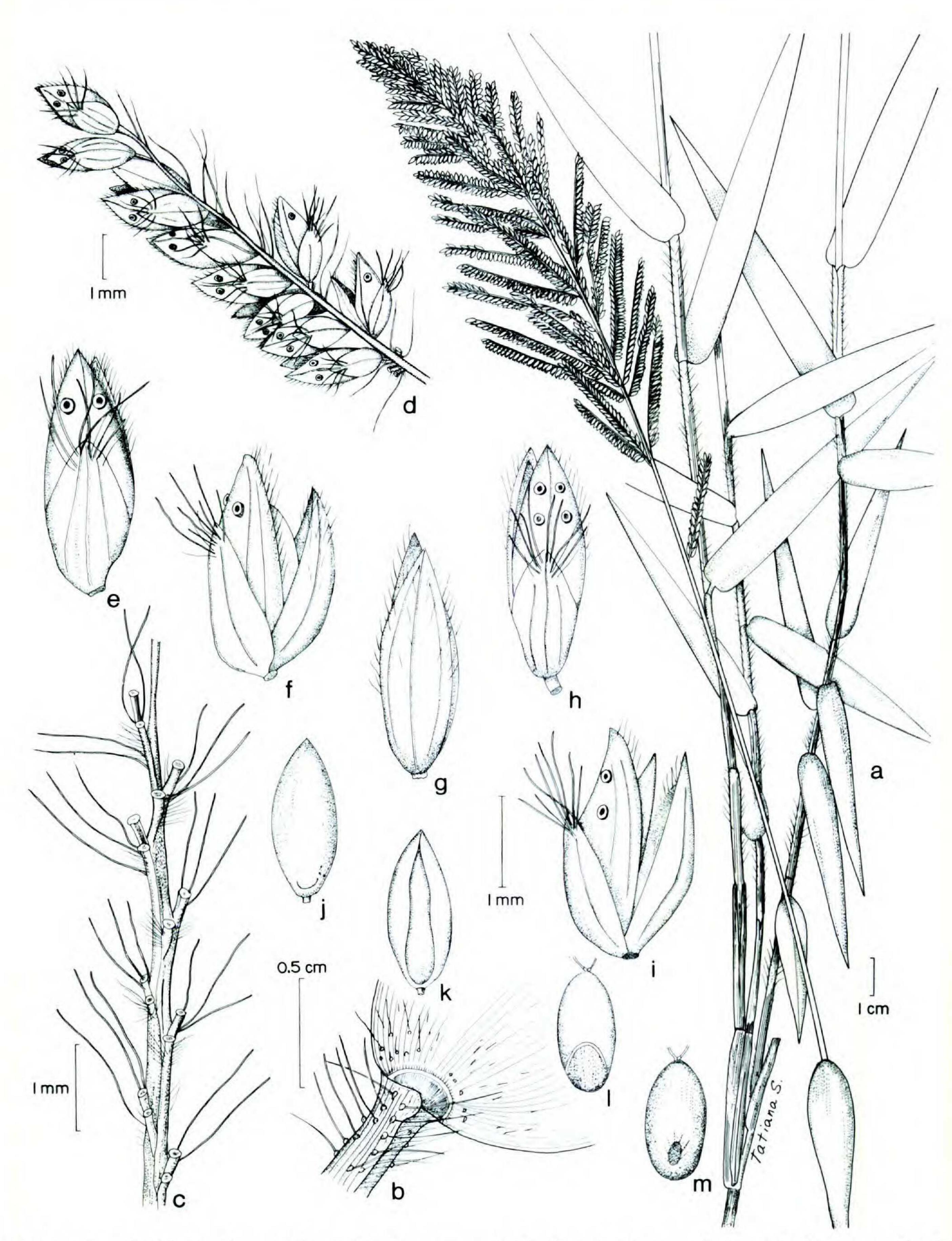


Figure 13. Panicum soderstromii.—a. Leafy stems.—b. Ligule.—c. Portion of a branch showing pedicels.—d. Racemose branch.—e. Spikelet, ventral view.—f. Spikelet, lateral view.—g. Spikelet, dorsal view.—h. Spikelet, ventral view, lower lemma with two pairs of glands.—i. Spikelet, lateral view, lower lemma with two pairs of glands.—j. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—k. Upper anthecium, ventral view.—l. Caryopsis, embryo side.—m. Caryopsis, hilum side. Based on Mori et al. 12652 (MO).

dark, constricted, pilose. Leaf sheaths longer than the internodes, slightly auriculate, tightly embracing the culms, with long, papillose, pilose hairs; the lower sheaths approximate,

short. Ligule membranous-ciliate, ca. 0.5 mm long; collar area densely pubescent, dark. Leaf blades long-lanceolate, 2–13 cm long, 0.7–1.3 cm wide, stiff, attenuate toward the apex,

a little narrowed and truncate basally, with rounded margins, velutinous on both surfaces; the midnerve not prominent; the basal leaves ca. 2-3 cm long, smaller than the uppermost leaves; pseudopetiole short. Panicles terminal, pyramidal, 8-18 cm long, 2-3(-4.5)cm wide, with numerous, many-flowered, upwardly appressed or spreading racemose branches bearing spikelets in pairs on unequal pedicels; axis glabrous, longitudinally ridged, finely hispid along the ridges; axils of the branches slightly swollen, dark brown, pilose; pedicels with 2 or 3 papillose-pilose whitish and thickened hairs, these longer than the spikelet. Spikelets broadly ellipsoid, 2-2.8 mm long, 1-1.5 mm wide, laterally compressed, usually gaping, stramineous or purplish. Lower glume ovate, acute, 3-nerved, 1/2-3/4 the length of the spikelet, with a tuft of long, white, papillose-pilose hairs at the apex, otherwise scaberulous. Upper glume ovate, acute, 3-5-nerved, a little shorter than the lower lemma, finely ciliate at the margins, otherwise scaberulous. Lower lemma ca. 2 mm long, ca. 1 mm wide, 5-nerved, finely ciliate at the margins, otherwise scaberulous, with 2-4 crateriform, ocellate glands; the inner surface pilose. Lower palea acute, finely pilose at the apex and scabrid at the keels; male flower present, anthers 0.8-1.1 mm long. Upper anthecium ovoid, 1.1-1.4 mm long, 0.4-0.7 mm wide, stramineous or dark brown at maturity, smooth, shining. Caryopsis broadly ovoid, ca. 1.5 mm long, 1 mm wide, amber; hilum ovate, sub-basal; embryo ca. 1/3 the length of the caryopsis. In flower July to September.

Brazil. Bahia, on rocks, in Distribution. open and sunny habitats on "campo rupestre" at 1,000 m elevation.

Brazil. Bahia: Serra da Jacobina, Andrade-Lima 70-6159 (IPA, SP); Morro do Chapeu, 1,000 m, E. Pereira 2138 (RB, US); Jacobinas, Serra do Brite, 11°09'S, 40°01'W, H. P. Bautista & R. P. Orlandi 1000 (HRB, US).

for the same individual, two or four. Sometimes there is a third pair of rudimentary

glands. This species is related to P. chapadense Swallen, from which it differs mainly by having hairs on the pedicels, pilose lower glumes (with long hairs toward the apex), and smaller spikelets.

None of the specimens was collected with its base, so it is not possible to know if cormlike bases as found in P. chapadense are present in the new species.

We have the pleasure of naming this species in honor of the late Dr. Thomas R. Soderstrom, our friend, colleague, and renowned North American agrostologist.

- 12. Panicum stoloniferum Poiret, Encycl. Meth. Suppl. 4: 272. 1816. TYPE: French Guiana. Cayenne: Cayenne, without collector (isotype, P, fragment at US). Figure 14.
- P. frondescens G. Meyer, Prim. Fl. Esseq. 56. 1818. TYPE: Guiana: in graminosis umbrosis insulae Arcuabisch, Meyer s.n. (holotype not located; fragment of an isotype at US (79732)).
- P. olyraefolium Raddi, Agrost. Bras. 43, pl. 1, fig. 6. 1823. TYPE: Brazil. Rio de Janeiro: in viciniis Rio Janeiro, Raddi s.n. (holotype, PI, not seen, fragment at US).
- P. ctenodes Trin., Spec. Gram. 2: tab. 171. 1829.
- P. ctenodes var. major Trin., Spec. Gram. 2: tab. 171a. 1829. P. stoloniferum var. major (Trin.) Kunth, Distr. Meth. Gram. 2: 389. 1831. Not Rev. Gram. 1. tab. 108. 1830.
- P. trichoclados C. Reichb. ex Kunth, Enum. Pl. 1. 89. 1833. nom. nud.
- P. brachyclados C. Reichb. ex Trin., Mem. Acad. Imp. Sci. Saint Petersbourg VI. 1: 251. 1834. nom. nud.
- P. leprieurii Steudel, Syn. Pl. Glum. 1: 65. 1854. TYPE: French Guiana. Cayenne: Cayenne, 1835, Leprieur s.n. (syntype, P, fragment at US). Surinam. Without locality: Kappler 1500 (isosyntypes, MO, US).
- P. kegelii Steudel, Syn. Pl. Glum. 1: 65. 1854.
- P. umbrosum Salzm. ex Steudel, Syn. Pl. Glum. 1: 65. 1854. nom. nud.

Stoloniferous perennials. Culms geniculate, long, decumbent, rooting and branching at the lower nodes, then becoming erect; erect portion of the culms 10-60 cm tall (reaching I m tall according to herbarium labels); internodes cylindric to compressed, hollow, branching at the middle and upper nodes, hispid in a longitudinal line to glabrescent, The number of glands is generally constant stramineous, sometimes purplish; nodes obscure, constricted, sparsely pilose to glabrous. Leaf sheaths splitting, striate, stramineous,

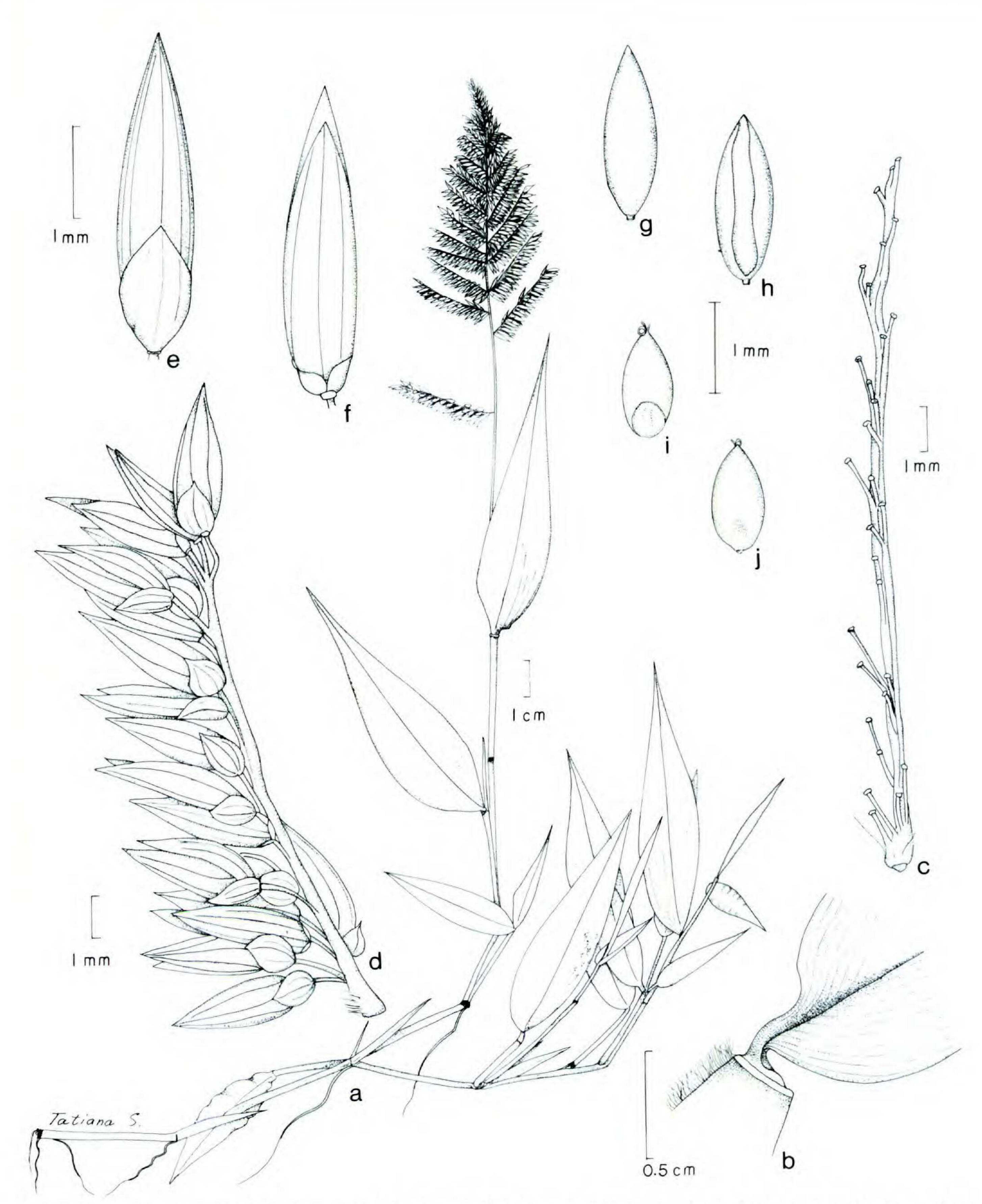


Figure 14. Panicum stoloniferum.—a. Habit.—b. Ligule.—c. Racemose branch showing pedicels.—d. Racemose branch.—e. Spikelet, ventral view.—f. Spikelet, dorsal view.—g. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—h. Upper anthecium, ventral view.—i. Caryopsis, embryo side.—j. Caryopsis, hilum side. Based on Burkart et al. 26833 (US).

shorter than the internodes, sparsely pilose to glabrous, the upper margins ciliate, the lower margins membranous. *Ligule* membranous, short, 0.2–0.4 mm long, laciniate at the apex; external ligule conspicuous, formed by a row of dense, whitish hairs. *Leaf blades*

ovate-lanceolate to lanceolate, flat, 1.5–13 cm long, 0.3–3.5 cm wide, acuminate, contracted and asymmetrical basally, shortly pilose to minutely scabrid or glabrous on both surfaces (with long hairs toward the base or glabrous), the abaxial surface mostly purplish,

the midnerve prominent, the lateral nerves usually anastomosing; pseudopetiole dark, shortly pubescent. Panicles exserted, (1.5-) 4-9(-22) cm long, (0.8-)1.5-3(-6) cm wide, formed by numerous, dense, spikelike, alternate to subopposed racemose branches, ± divergent from the axis, the spikelets borne in pairs, densely congested along the lower side of the branches; peduncles hispid to glabrous; axis longitudinally ridged, hispid to scabrous or glabrous; axis of the branches triquetrous (one side flat), scabrous to glabrous, the axils shortly and densely pilose; pedicels short, 0.5-1 mm long, pilose to glabrous. Spikelets lanceolate, 2.2-3.2 mm long, 0.5-0.8 mm wide, glabrous, dark green, the upper glume shorter than the lower lemma, occasionally subequal. Lower glume ovate, 0.7-1.3 mm long, glabrous, 1/3 the length of the spikelet, 3-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Upper glume gibbous, acute, 1.9-2.8 mm long, 5(-7)-nerved, the midnerve scabrous or glabrous apically. Lower lemma acuminate, 2.4-3 mm long, 5(-7)-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Lower palea elliptic, 1.4-1.9 mm long, 0.3-0.5 mm wide, brownish, glabrous, the margins finely ciliate to glabrous; male flower absent. Upper anthecium ellipsoid, 1.3-1.9 mm long, 0.4-0.6 mm wide, stramineous, brownish at maturity; lemma 5nerved; anthers brown, 0.5 mm long. Caryopsis ellipsoid, 1-1.5 mm long, 0.5-0.8 mm wide; hilum oblong. In flower all year.

Distribution. A widely distributed species found in Mesoamerica, Lesser Antilles, and South America, from Colombia to Argentina. The plants form dense and weedy ground vegetation in the moist and shaded forests at 150–1,400 m elevation.

Common names. Capim-do-Mato, capim-do-brejo (Smith et al., 1982).

Representative specimens examined. ARGENTINA. CHACO: Isla Soto, Burkart et al. 30688 (RB, SI, US), Schinini 16130 (MO, SI); Resistencia, Meyer 366 (SI). ENTRE RIOS: Isla Curuzu-Chalí, Burkart et al. 26833 (SI, US), 26851 (SI). CORRIENTES: 42 km E de Ituzaingó, Puesto de Prefectura, Zuloaga et al. 620 (SI); Isla Apipé Grande, Puerto San Antonio, Krapovickas et al. 23850 (CTES, US). FORMOSA. Colonia Clorinda, Venturi 9164

(US). MISIONES: Posadas, Ekman 623 (US); Eldorado, selva a orillas del Paraná, Burkart 14528 (SI, US), Cabrera et al. 28875 (SI, US); Puerto Rico, Cabrera et al. 28803 (SI); Campo Grande, Montes 10780 (SI); San Antonio, Montes 7063 (SI); San Juan, Montes 15308 (SI); Santa Ana, Montes 15278 (MO, SI); Arroyo Piray-Guazú, Cabrera et al. 28875 (SI); Santa Ana, Rodriguez 676 (F, SI, US); entre Pto. Aguirre y Pto. Iguazú, Wolffhugel & Van de Venne 37 (SI). SANTA FE: Puerto Piracuacito, Lewis 946 (SI, US). BELIZE. EL CAYO: Retiro, Lundell 6314 (F, NY, US). TOLEDO: Upper Jacinto Creek, Gentle 5276 (US); beyond San Antonio, Gentle 7552 (US). BOLIVIA. BENI: vicinity of Chacobo village Alto Ivón, Boom 4086 (US). COCHABAMBA: Antahuacana, Buchtien 2502 (MO, US). LA PAZ: Tipuani, Hacienda Casana, Buchtien 7120 (MO, NY, US); between Coroico and Caranavi, Davidson 4788 (MO); Polo-Polo bei Coroico, Buchtien s.n. (MO, SI, US-711096), 264 (F); San Carlos, Buchtien 3 (US); Mapiri, Buchtien 1172, 1173 (US). SANTA CRUZ: Buena Vista, Steinbach 5130 (F, NY, US), 6855 (F, MO, US); Montero a Puerto Grether, Renvoize & Cope 3962 (MO). Brazil. ACRE: track from km 20, road Cruzeiro do Sul to Japiim, Prance et al. 2879 (MO). AMAPA: Rio Araguarí, Pires et al. 51262 (NY, US); Rio Oiapoqué, Irwin et al. 48146 (RB, US), 48150 (NY); Riozinho, 122 km NW of Porto Grande, Mori & Souza 17604 (US). AMAZONAS: Cucuhí, Rio Negro, Baldwin 3252 (US); Esperança, Pires & Black 855 (US); east bank of Rio Madeira, 1 km N of Humaitá, Prance et al. 3524 (MO, US); vicinity of Tototoví, Prance et al. 10223 (MO, NY, US), 10282 (R, US); Rio Solimões, Rio Juruá, 10 km por encima de la boca, Prance et al. 24494 (MO); Içana River, Fróes 28028 (US); basin of the upper Juruá, Fróes 45 (US). BAHIA: 22 km de la rodovía Ilheus-Itabuna, Mori 12844 (MO); ramal a esquerda no km 13 da rodovía Valência-Guaibím, Carvalho & Lewis 1130 (CEPEC, MO); próximo ponte sobre Rio Mucurí, na rodovía BR-101, Mori et al. 10537 (CEPEC, MO, RB); km 22 da antiga rod. Camacã/Itaimbé, Hage & Mattos Silva 304 (CEPEC); Mun. Ilheus, área do CEPEC, Hage & Brito 1395 (CEPEC), Santos 3399, 3787 (CEPEC). ESPÍRITO SANTO: Santa Bárbara do Caparão, Mexia 4099 (NY, US). GOIÁS: Serra do Caiapó, 42 km south of Caiapônia, Prance & Silva 59692 (F, MO, US). MARANHÃO: Rio Alto Turiaçu, Nueva Esperança, Jangoux y Bahia 252 (RB), 266 (MO, NY). MATO GROSSO: Serra do Roncador, 55 km N de Barra do Garças, Prance & Silva 59442 (MO, NY). MATO GROSSO DO SUL: Dourados, Colónia Agrícola Federal, Swallen 9410 (US). PARÁ: Varadouro de Periquito a Pimental, Tapajó, Kuhlmann 1915 (RB, US); Rio San Manuel, entre Igarapé Prata a Igarapé Preto, Pires 3810 (US); Ingatubinha, Black 47-2116 (US); estrada da Cachoeira Porteira, km 72, Cid et al. s.n., 1 July 1980 (MO); Belém, Pires & Black 599 (US), Archer 8103 (F, US), Silva 24 (F); Moju River, Rubber Estate Fábrica, Goeldi 18 (F, US); Boa Vista, Rio Tapajós, Swallen 3198 (R, RB, US). PARANÁ: Garuvá, Hatschbach 3453 (BAA, SI); Ilha dos Bandeirantes, Rio Paraná, Lindeman & Haas 4368 (US). RIO DE JANEIRO: Serra do Andaraí, Rosa 95 (R); Parque Nacional da Tijuca, Serra dos Pretos Forros, Martinelli 3118 (R); Cachoeira de Macau-Nova Friburgo, Sucre & Soderstrom 9061 (R). RIO GRANDE DO SUL: Finca Peixoto, Malme 1332 (GH); São Leopoldo, Dutra s.n. (US-1388850); Esteio, pr. Porto Alegre, Rambo 38269 (US). RORAIMA: vicinity of Aguaris,

Prance et al. 9651 (F, US); Rio Jarani, Pires et al. 14420 (US); between Maitá and Paramiterí Indian village, Prance et al. 10560 (US). SANTA CATARINA: Mato São Pedro, Klein 11770 (US); Braço Joaquim, Luis Alves, Reitz & Klein 2062 (US). SÃO PAULO: Cainua, Brade 7818 (R); Morro das Pedras, Brade 7846 (R), 9167 (R); Ubatuba, Costa s.n. (US-1761194). COLOMBIA. AMAZONAS: Puerto Nariño and vicinity, along lower Río Loretoyacu, Zarucchi 1067 (COL); Fleuve Amazona, 5 km en amont de Leticia, Sastre & Gómez-Pompa 538 (COL); Monkey Island, a few miles up river from Leticia on the Amazon, Gillett 16529 (COL, US); edge of Río Agua Branca about 80 km W of Leticia, Trapecio, Schultes & Black 46-337 (US). ANTIOQUIA: 15 km W of Chiborodó, Feddema 1968 (NY, US). CHOCÓ: bank of Río San Juan, near Andagoya, Killip 35389 (COL); Hoya del Río San Juan, Quebrada Cunperro, abajo de Noanamá, Forero et al. 4860 (COL); hoya del Río San Juan, arriba de Palestina, Forero et al. 4169 (COL, MO); Muquí, alto de Buey, Kjall von Sneidern a-26 (COL, MO); Unguia, Forero et al. 1988 (COL, MO); hoya del Río San Juan, Quebrada La Sierpe, Forero et al. 3973 (MO). MAGDALENA: Santa Marta, H. H. Smith 2126 (MO, NY). META: about 20 km SE of Villavicencio, Killip 34256 (COL, F, US); reserva de La Macarena, margen izquierda del Río Duida, 20 km de su desembocadura, Pinto et al. 727, 773 (COL); serranía de La Macarena, orilla del Río Sansa, Fernandez Perez & Jaramillo 5017 (COL); San Pedro de Arimena, Haught 2820 (COL, US); boca del Caño Cabra, Pinto & Sastre 1000 (COL). VALLE DEL CAUCA: Río Calima, región del Chocó, entre Pailón y El Coco, Cuatrecasas 21251 (F, US); Río Calima, entre La Herradura de Ordoñez y Peña de Campo Triste, Cuatrecasas 16673 (F, US). VAUPÉS: Río Vaupés, above raudal Yurupari, Schultes & Cabrera 18723 (GH, US); Caño Curuyarí, afluente izquierdo del Vaupés, selva y matorral en Zurubi, Cuatrecasas 7215 (COL). Costa Rica. Guanacaste: NW of Lago Arenal, Croat 423 (MO). LIMÓN: 10 km por ruta al S de Cahuita, Pohl & Pinette 13188 (F); La Bomba, Pohl & Davidse 11105 (F). PUNTARENAS: Golfo Dulce Area, vicinity of Esquinas Experimental Station, Allen 5299 (F, MO, US); 5 km SE of Rincón, Osa Península, Pohl & Davidse 10711 (F, MO, US). SAN JOSÉ: Basin of El General, Skutch 4816 (US). ECUADOR. GUAYAS: Tenguel, S of Guayaquil, T. Holmgren 86 (US). LOS RIOS: Río Palenque Biological Station, km 56 Quevedo-Santo Domingo, Dodson 5817 (US). NAPO PASTAZA: between Tena and Arquidona, Asplund 9171 (R, US); Tena, Asplund 10306 (NY, US). PICHINCHA: entre Santo Domingo y Quinindé, Acosta Solís 13926 (US); 20 km W of Santo Domingo de Los Colorados, Cazalet 5140 (NY, US). TUNGURAHUA: valley of Río Pastaza, La Victoria, Asplund 10058 (US). GUATEMALA. ALTA VERAPAZ: Río Santa Isabel, Steyermark 45867 (F, US). PETÉN: Tikal National Park, Tikal, Lundell 16484 (US). SUCHITEPEQUEZ: near Piquizate, Steyermark 47695 (F, US). GUYANA: Yarikita, Hitchcock 17590 (F, US); lower Saramacca River, Maguire 23741 (F, GH, NY, RB); between Gamura and Amatuk, Potaro River, Maguire 23008 (GH, NY); Kaieteur Plateau, Cowan & Soderstrom 2026 (NY, US), 2120 (US); Tumatumari, Gleason 290 (GH, NY, US); vicinity of Tumatumari, Potaro River, Hitchcock 17410 (US); Amacura River, de la Cruz 3478 (GH, NY, US); Pomeroon River, de la Cruz 3220 (F, GH, US), 3166 (GH, NY, US); Kanuku mountains, in drainage of Takutu

River, A. C. Smith 3349 (GH, NY, US), 3423 (US); Barima River, Jenmann 7115 (US), Archer 2513 (US); vicinity of Issorora on Aruka River, Hitchcock 17568 (MO, US); Mazaruni Station, Archer 2431 (NY, US), Tutin 139 (GH, US). FRENCH GUIANA: Compte River, Mori 8932 (NY); Maripasoula, Hoock 132 (US); Haut Itany, Hoock 111 (US). HONDURAS. ATLÁNTIDA: Lancetilla, 10 km al SW de Tela, Nelson 5205 (MO); vicinity of Tela, Standley 55116 (US). GRACIAS A DIOS: alrededores del Río Plátano, Clewell 4019 (MO). MEXICO. CHIA-PAS: Libertad, Matuda 18138 (F, US); Escuintla, Matuda 332 (US). OAXACA: El Palmar, Zongolica, Vera Santos 2639 (NY); Ubero, Williams 9483 (F, US). VERACRUZ: Zacuapán, Purpus 8070 (F, NY, US). NICARAGUA. ZELAYA: Guamil, Molina 2225 (F), 2266, 2347 (F, US). PANAMA. BOCAS DEL TORO: Chiriquicito, 5 mi. S of Guarumo River, Dwyer 2108 (MO); cercanías de la Laguna Chiriquí, von Weddell 2575 (GH, MO). CHIRIQUÍ: near Puerto Armuellos, Woodson Jr. 858 (MO). COLÓN: Trinidad basin, near Cirrí River, Pittier 4027 (NY, US). DARIÉN: vicinity of Paya, Río Paya, Stearn et al. 440 (MO); vicinity of Campamento Buenavista, Río Chucunaque above confluence with Río Tuquesa, Stearn et al. 827 (MO, US), 957 (MO). PANAMÁ: east of the Río Tecumen, Standley 26682 (US). PARAGUAY: entre el Río Apa y el Río Aquidabán, Fiebrig 4706 (F); near Tobatí, Archer 4843 (US); Alto Paraguay, Primavera, Woolston G. 96 (SI); Curupayti, Humaitá, Bernardi 18476 (MO); Villarica, Jörgensen 3540 (MO, US). Without locality, Weddell 3152 (F, NY). PERU. AMAZONAS: left bank of Río Marañon, above Cascadas de Mayasi, Wurdack 1976 (NY, US). HUANUCO: Tingo María, Asplund 13210 (NY, US), Allard 21662 (US); 6 km S of Tingo María, Seibert 2258 (MO, US), Storp 9479 (F). JUNÍN: Colonia Perené, Hitchcock 22058 (US); Chanchamayo Valley, Schuncke 129 (F, US); bajo Río Nanay, Williams 189 (F); above Pongo de Manseriche, right bank of mouth of Río Santiago, Mexia 6151 (F, US); La Merced, Hacienda Schuncke, McBride 5646 (F, US). LORETO: Río Hueppi, Gentry et al. 21852 (MO); Río Itaya, Diaz et al. 653 (MO); Caño Iricahua, abajo de Jenaro Herrera, Encarnación 25080, 25087 (US); Caño Supai, Encarnación 25056 (US); lower Río Nanay, Williams 589 (US). SAN MARTÍN: Quebrada de Almendras, Schunke Vigo 4461 (F, US); Tarapoto, Williams 5554 (F); Juan Jui, Klug 3813 (F, GH, MO, US); San Roque, Williams 7521 (F, US). SURINAM: Kayselberg airstrip, Cramer 2980 (NY); Oelemari, Wessels Boer 926 (GH); opposite Gansee, van Doselaar 1325 (US). Without locality, Weigelt s.n. (US-1720223). TRINIDAD: Ortoire River, Britton et al. 2539 (NY, US); Port of Spain, Saddle Road, Tutin s.n. (US-2954418); 3 mi. W of Tabaquite, Soderstrom 1074 (US); El Tucuche Mountain, Soderstrom 1048 (US). VENEZUELA. T. F. AMAZONAS: Isla Sebastián, Río Casiquiare, Liesner & Clark 8945 (MO); Sierra Parima, Steyermark 107022 (MO, NY), Cardona 1346, 1478 (US); 5 km E of San Fernando de Atabapo, Davidse et al. 17164 (MO). BARINAS: Reserva Forestal de Ticoporo, Aristeguieta 7005 (MO), Breteler 3710 (NY). BOLÍVAR: Guayapo, Bajo Caura, Williams 11999 (F, US); Río Paragua, between Guaiquinima and Río Torono, Killip 37425 (NY, US), 37527 (US), 37480 (NY, US); Caño Pablo, Liesner & Morillo 13943 (MO); El Dorado, Curet 213 (US); Salto de Chalimano en el Río Paramichi, Steyermark 90706 (US); selva al lado del Río Nichare, Steyermark 95673 (MO, NY, US). DELTA

AMACURA: 33 km al E de El Palmar, Steyermark 93096 (US); a lo largo del Caño Araguao, Steyermark et al. 114792 (MO); 73 km al SE de Piacoa, Davidse & González 16466 (MO). LARA: near Barquimiseto, Saer 284 (NY, US). MIRANDA: along Río Grande del Tuy, above Paparo, Pittier 6328 (US). MONAGAS: 1.5 km N of La Hormiga, Wurdack & Monachino 39527 (RB, NY, US); 2 km N of Santa Inés, Pursell et al. 9167 (US). SUCRE: Península de Paria, entre Los Pocitos de Santa Isabel y Roma, Dumond et al. 7659 (NY). ZULIA: 3 km E of Río de Oro, Davidse et al. 18784 (MO); alrededores de Casigua El Cubo, Bunting 7815 (MO); intersección del Río Catatumbo y la ruta entre Maracaibo y La Fría, Davidse et al. 18838 (MO); Quebrada Tayaya, Davidse et al. 18493 (MO).

Hitchcock & Chase (1910, 1915) distinguished *P. stoloniferum* from *P. frondescens* by the sizes of the plants and the panicles and by the length of the upper glume compared with the lower lemma. Abundant material showed a complete gradation in these characters. Therefore, we are treating *P. frondescens* as a synonym of *P. stoloniferum*.

13. Panicum venezuelae Hackel, Oesterr. Bot. Z. 51: 368. 1901. Brachiaria venezuelae (Hackel) Henrard, Blumea 3: 435. 1940. TYPE: Venezuela. Without locality: Eggers 13471 (holotype, W, not seen, fragment at US). Figure 15.

P. ineptum A. Hitchc. & Chase, Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 17: 509. 1915.

P. berteronianum Mez, Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 56, Beibl. 125:
5. 1921. Not P. berteronianum Schultes, 1854.
TYPE: Venezuela. Federal District: La Guayra, Zollner s.n. (holotype, B, not seen, fragment at US).

Stoloniferous, densely and freely branching perennials, with very long, slender, prostrate stolons. Culms decumbent to ascending, densely branching mostly at the lower nodes, 40-80 cm tall; internodes 3-8 cm long, cylindric to compressed, hollow, sparsely pilose to glabrous; nodes densely pilose, with long whitish, usually retrorse hairs. Leaf sheaths 1-4 cm long, usually shorter than the internodes, stramineous, striate, sparsely to densely pilose with long, whitish hairs, the margins ciliate. Ligule membranous-ciliate, ca. 0.5 mm long, with long hairs toward the back at the base of the blade; collar stramineous, pilose. Leaf blades ovate-lanceolate to lanceolate, acuminate, flat, 3-9 cm long, 0.5-1 cm

wide, cordate basally, densely to sparsely hirsute; the margins long-ciliate toward the base, otherwise ciliate to scabrous, cartilaginous; midnerve inconspicuous; pseudopetiole short, ca. 0.2 cm long. Panicles lax, long-exserted, 2-11 cm long, 1-3 cm wide, formed by 4-10 distant, alternate, short branches, these divergent from the axis and racemose, with cleistogamous spikelets in pairs arranged along either side of a ventral septum; chasmogamous spikelets occasionally present; axis longitudinally ridged, long-hirsute, the axils of the branches densely pilose, axis of the branches triquetrous, densely hirsute; pedicels short. Axillary panicles similar to the terminal panicle, but short-exserted and fewflowered. Spikelets ellipsoid, 2.5-3 mm long, 1.1-1.3 mm wide, stramineous to greenish, the glumes and lower lemma sparsely to densely hirsute. Lower glume ovate, 1.5-1.7 mm long, 1/2 or more the length of the spikelet, 3-nerved, the midnerve scabrous. Upper glume 2.6-2.9 mm long, gibbous, 5(-7)nerved, with thick, papillose hairs over the entire surface or only toward the apex, 2 glands occasionally present on the middle portion of the outer surface, the inner surface scabrous. Lower lemma larger than the upper glume, the apex ± inflated, with a few thick hairs, the middle portion flattened and glabrous, the margins inrolled toward the apex, 5-nerved, the lateral nerves remote from the midnerve, 2 glands sometimes present on the middle portion of the outer surface. Lower palea elliptic to obovate, 1.6-1.8 mm long, 0.7 mm wide, hyaline, shortly pilose toward the upper margins, glabrous over the rest of the surface; male flower absent. Upper anthecium ellipsoid to obovoid, obtuse, 1.6-1.8 mm long, 0.8-1.1 mm wide, stramineous; lemma 5-nerved, strongly convex; anthers 3, those of the cleistogamous spikelets small, 0.2-0.3 mm long; anthers of the chasmogamous spikelets 0.9 mm long. Caryopsis 1.3 mm long, 1 mm wide; hilum punctiform. In flower all year.

Distribution. This species occurs in Guatemala, Honduras, Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Venezuela to northern

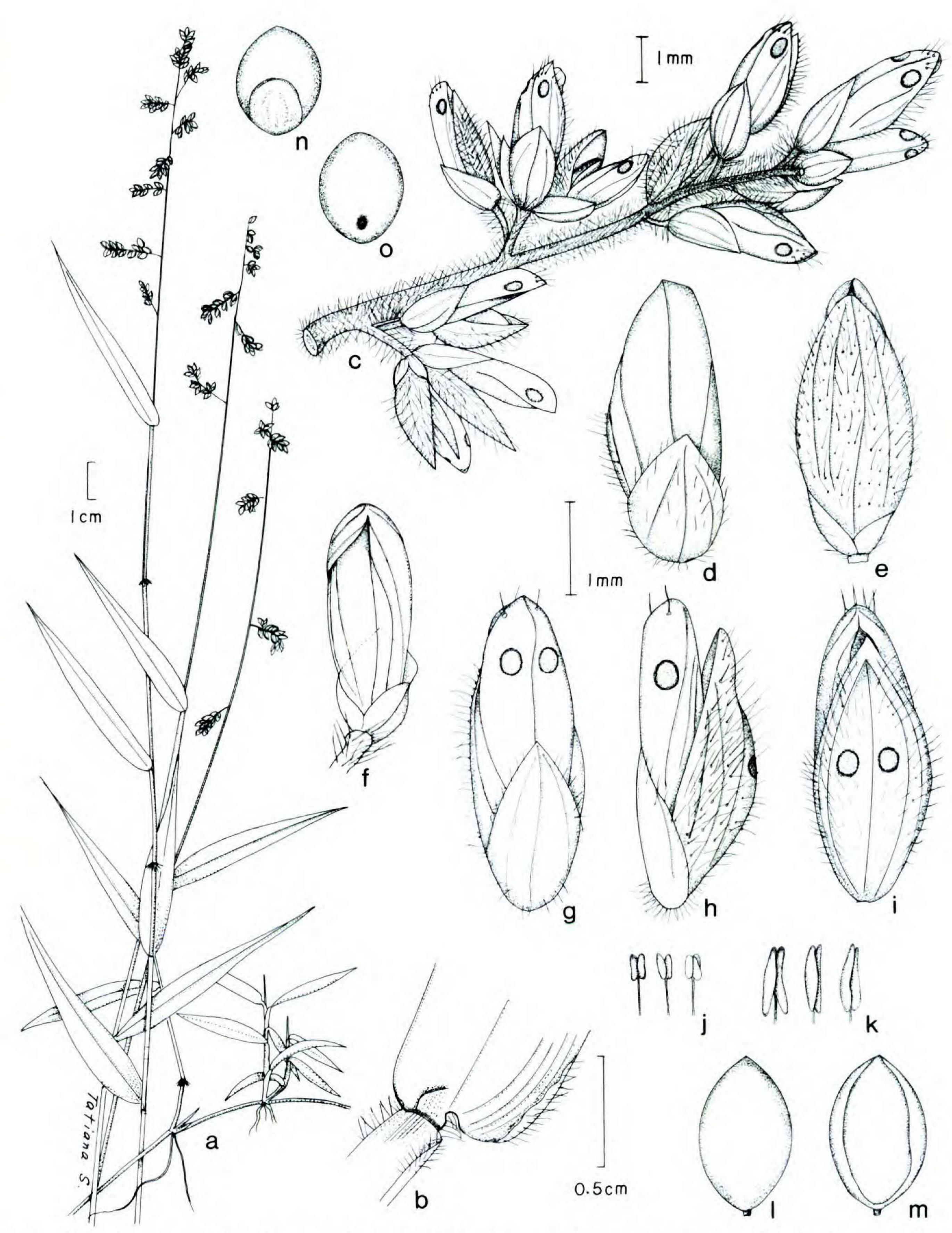


Figure 15. Panicum venezuelae.—a. Habit.—b. Ligule.—c. Racemose branch.—d. Spikelet, ventral view.—e. Spikelet, dorsal view.—f. Lower lemma.—g. Spikelet, ventral view, lower lemma with glands.—h. Spikelet, lateral view, upper glume and lower lemma with glands.—i. Spikelet, dorsal view, upper glume with glands.—j. Anthers of cleistogamous flower.—k. Anthers of chasmogamous flower.—l. Upper anthecium, dorsal view.—m. Upper anthecium, ventral view.—n. Caryopsis, embryo side.—o. Caryopsis, hilum side. Based on Pinto 307 (US).

Brazil in humid and shady places at 100-1,200 m elevation.

Representative specimens examined. Brazil. Ala-Goas: Tapera, Pickel s.n. (US-1645543), 2469 (US).

BAHIA: Alagoinhas, Chase 8135 (US); camino de Santa Inés a Rio Bahia, Pinheiro 7855 (MO); Espigão Mestre, 6 km S of Cocos, Anderson et al. 37036 (F, MO); Serra do Itiuba, 6 km E of Itiuba, Harley et al. 16203 (MO, US); Santa Terezinha, Bondar 2609 (SP, US); Paraguaçú-valley, Muritiba, Pinto 307 (US); Feira de Santana,

Chase 8066 (F, RB, US), 8070 (US); Cachoeira, vale dos rios Paraguaçú e Jacuipé, Pedra do Cavalo 475 (CEPEC); basin of the upper São Francisco River, just beyond Calderão, ca. 32 km NE from Bom Jesus de Lapa, Harley 21497 (CEPEC); rodovía Sta. Inés a Rio Bahia aos 10 km, Pinheiro 1855 (CEPEC, US). CEARÁ: Serra de Baturité, morro de Ceu, Eugenio 278 (RB). PARAÍBA: Moreno, Pickel 3848 (RB); Areia, Coelho de Moraes 850 (P). PERNAMBUCO: Garanhuns, Chase 7786, 7789 (F, US); Pesqueira, Pickel 1663 (US); Fazenda Recreio, Mun. de Rio Grande, Faria 2495 (RB). RIO GRANDE DO NORTE: Nova Cruz de Montanhas, Swallen 4813 (RB, US). Cuba. Oriente: Barbí, Loma del Gato, Sierra Maestra, Ekman 15661 (US); Loma del Gato, S of Loma San Juán, Leon et al. 10190 (US). GUATEMALA. GUATEMALA: near Fiscal, Standley 59580, 80411, 80463 (F, US), 80630 (F). HONDURAS. EL PARAÍSO: Quebrada de El Muro, between Las Mesas and Yuscarán, Standley 29263 (US); road to Yuscarán, Swallen 11329, 11333 (US). MORAZÁN: near El Jicarito, Standley 20874, 21640 (F), 27498 (US), Swallen 11377 (US); trail from La Quince, El Zamorano, Standley 14567, 21272 (US); campus of Escuela Agricola El Zamorano, Pohl & Davidse 12458 (MO); 8 km S of La Venta by road, Davidse & Pohl 2155a (MO). Santo Domingo. Monte Cristi: near Arroyo Seco, Ekman 12608, 13085 (US); Puerto Plata, Bajabonico, Ekman 14499 (US). SANTIAGO: San José de las Matas, Ekman 14602 (US), Jiménez 950 (US). VENEZUELA. DISTRITO FEDERAL: Colinas de Yaguará, Tamayo 1449 (F); Antimano, Pittier 12581 (US); entre Caracas y La Guayra, Burkart 17013 (SI). FALCÓN: Serranía de San Luis, Fila Las Playitas, Ruiz 2543 (MO). LARA: en cerros arriba del caserío Simara, Burandt Jr. v0192 (MO); Loma de León, Iribarre, Tamayo 3743 (MO); Hacienda Sosa, Badillo s.n. (US-1760677).

Henrard (1940) transferred P. venezuelae to Brachiaria without explanation. Previously, when describing P. ineptum, Hitchcock & Chase (1915) did not refer it to any of the groups of Panicum. Brown (1977) pointed out that this species, being a C₃ plant, is not actually a Brachiaria, since the genus Brachiaria is totally C₄ or Kranz. Sendulsky (1978), in her treatment of Brachiaria for Brazil, called attention to the size of the anthers and to the unusual form, for Brachiaria, of the long-winged lodicules. She suggested retention of this species in Panicum.

The panicle, habit, and spikelets (which bear glands on the lower lemma and occasionally on the upper glume also) suggest inclusion of *P. venezuelae* in sect. *Stolonifera*. However, this is the only species in the section with cleistogamous spikelets, a feature otherwise only found in *Panicum* in species of subg. *Dichanthelium* A. Hitchc. & Chase. Also, the glands differ from those in other

species of sect. Stolonifera; in P. venezuelae the glands are bigger and depressed, not crateriform.

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APPENDIX I

List of taxa and informal groups. Species listed in italics are accepted. Those listed in roman are not accepted.

Brachiaria venezuelae (Hackel) Henrard

Dichanthelium, subg.

Eriochloa pulchella (Raddi) Kunth

Hymenachne leptostachya (J. S. Presl) Fourn.

Ichnanthus gardneri Mez

Latissima, group

Laxa, sect.

Lophatherum gracile Brongn.

Lorea, sect.

Megista, sect.

Molinia caerulea (L.) Moench

Monticola, sect.

Panicum L.

P. albospiculatum Swallen

P. andreanum Mez

P. apricum Swallen

P. bambusaefolium Desv.

P. berteronianum Mez

P. biglandulare Scribner & Smith

P. bipustulatum Schldl.

P. blepharophorum Mez

P. blepharophorum J. S. Presl

P. boliviense Hackel

P. brachyclados Reichb.

P. brachystachyum Trin.

P. bresolinii L. B. Smith & Wassh.

P. bulbosum Kunth

P. chapadense Swallen

P. crateriferum Sohns

P. ctenodes Trin.

P. ctenodes var. major Trin.

P. frondescens G. Meyer

P. ineptum A. Hitchc.

P. irregulare Swallen

P. kegelii Steudel

P. kleinii Swallen

P. latissimum Mikan ex Trin.

P. leprieurii Steudel

P. leptachne Doell

P. leptostachyum J. S. Presl

P. macrophyllum Raddi

P. olyraefolium Raddi

P. paucifolium Swallen

P. piauiense Swallen

P. pilosum Swartz

P. pirineosense Swallen

P. pompale Swallen

P. pulchellum Raddi

P. quadriglume (Doell) Henrard

P. rude Nees

P. secundum Trin.

P. secundum var. inaequiglume Doell

P. secundum var. subaequiglume Doell

P. semitectum Swallen

P. soderstromii Zuloaga & Sendulsky

P. stoloniferum Poiret

P. umbrosum Salzm. ex Steudel

P. venezuelae Hackel

Parvifolia, sect.

Parviglumia, sect.

Phanopyrum, sect.

Phanopyrum, subg.

Pseudechinolaena Stapf

Puelia ciliata Franch

Sarmentosa, sect.

Sarmentosum, subg.

Stolonifera, group

Stolonifera, sect.

Sucrea sampaiana (A. Hitchc.) Soderstrom

Verrucosa, sect.